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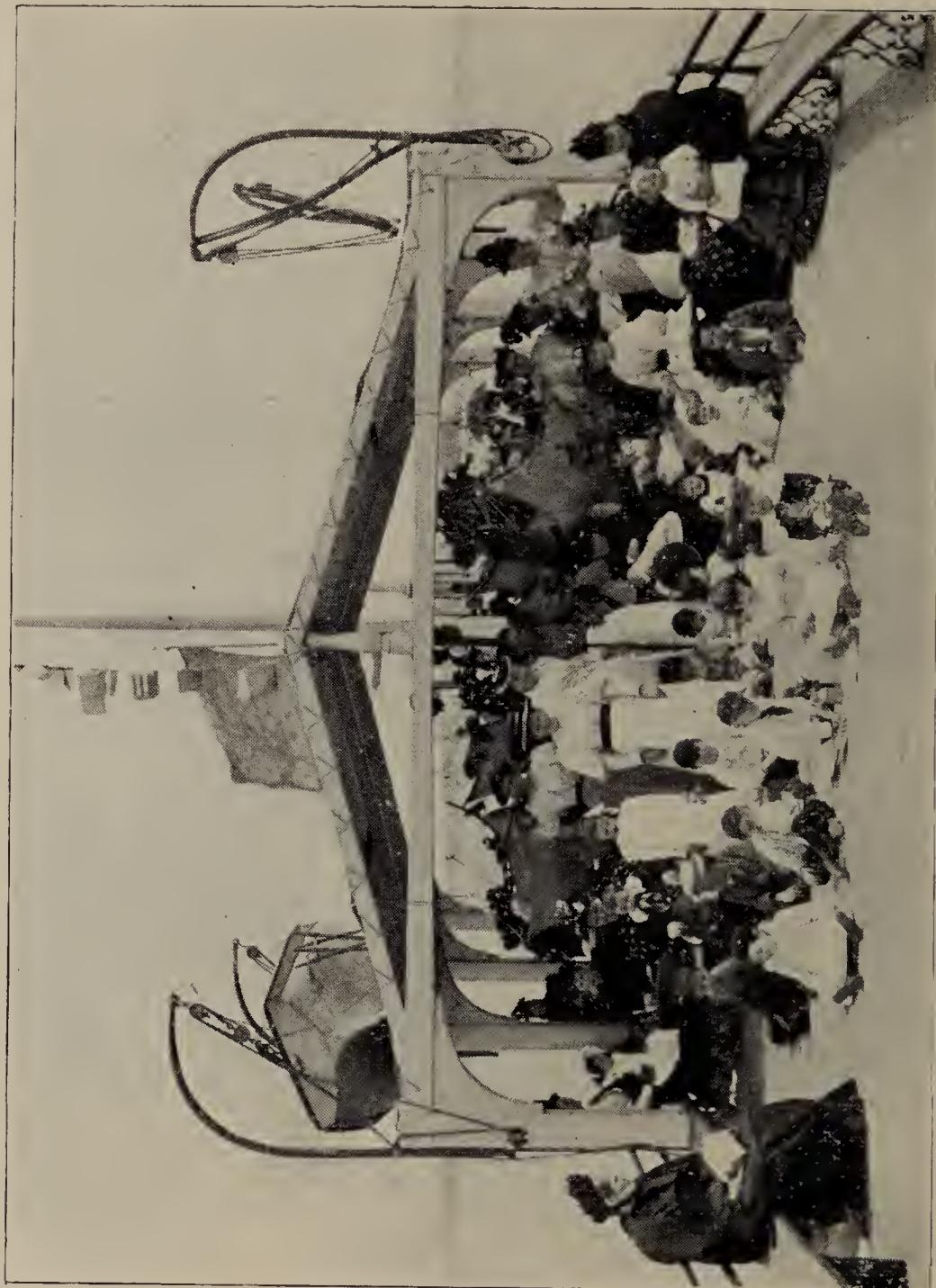
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constant care, is the means of saving many lives. One instance, not an exceptional one, will suffice to show this. A dispensary nurse took from its mother a child apparently in a moribund condition, and brought her to the boat for a day's outing and treatment. The physician

in charge of the Floating Hospital objected to receiving the baby, on the ground that it could not live the day out under the most favorable circumstances, but the nurse assured him that she would assume the responsibility, and she was allowed to make the trip with the child.



A PATIENT AND HIS CHARMER.

A few days afterwards the child was playing about the streets.

We take children for more than one trip, where necessary, and if the condition of our treasury permitted

it, would make at least four trips per week. The subscriptions last year to this most beneficent charity were \$1962.68, and the expenses about \$1233.00, leaving a balance in hand at the close of the season of \$729.68. This balance is about equal to the receipts from the two auction sales given at Hotel Pemberton and the Atlantic House, under the patronage of Mrs. C. H. Hayes and Mrs. Josiah Hayden, in the latter part of August, but these contributions were received at a season when it was deemed inadvisable to extend the work on account of uncertain weather conditions. Since that time we have received \$1100.84, \$1000.00 of which is the generous donation of the trustees of the estate of the late John H. Dix. Deducting a few minor expenditures we have therefore on hand \$1817.77, which constitutes the present working capital of the Floating Hospital. A little more is expected from a certain source, but not a very large amount.

On the five trips of last year more than 1100 children and 650 mothers or attendants were given the benefit of Floating Hospital trip and treatment at an average cost of \$246.35. This coming season we should like to make twenty trips, and for this purpose shall need at least \$5000.00, or \$250.00 per trip. This will provide intelligent instruction for the mothers, with proper food and medicine and constant care for three to four hundred poor, sick, helpless babies. In New York City some of the noble men and women interested in the Floating Hospital of St. John's Guild assume the entire expense of a single trip. Further information will be gladly furnished by Rufus B. Tobey, Berkeley Temple, South End "A" (Telephone "Tremont 1011"), to whom contributions may be sent and to whose order checks should be made payable. Dr. F. H. Brown, Treasurer of the Seaside Hospital, 4 Exchange Place, Boston, has also kindly consented to receive contributions.

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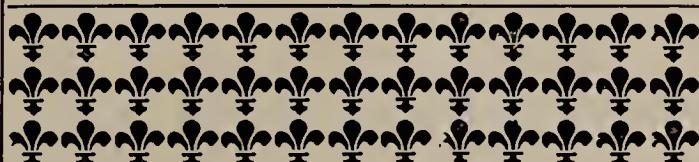
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N presenting the Floating Hospital to the notice of the public for its third season, it may not be inappropriate to repeat the introduction to its prospectus for 1895,— this for the benefit of the new friends the institution has made and hopes to make during the season about to open. This introduction is as follows:—

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The first trip of the season was made July 25, 1894, the Hospital being in charge of Dr. J. B. Thornton. Eleven hundred children were given the benefits of a day's medical treatment and outing on the waters of Boston Harbor during this summer, and there was not a case in which there was not marked improvement. Doctors, nurses and the few visitors who were allowed to accompany the patients were unanimous in praise of the idea and its visible results, and all through the following fall, winter and spring there came letters of gratitude, letters of encouragement, letters of inquiry, and best of all, letters giving and promising financial support for the work of the second season. In fact, the two largest contributions to the work in 1894 were based upon the record of the first three trips, and were received when the season was too far advanced to make additional trips.

At the opening of the season of 1895 the work was re-organized, our experience of the previous year having shown us what we ought to do as well as what we ought not do. The first trip was made July 12, giving attendants at the Christian Endeavor Convention an opportunity to make its acquaintance and investigate its methods. Thirteen trips were made, the last one being that of September 6. The barge Clifford,



Captain E. W. Sears, was used this season, as last, and the service was in every way satisfactory.

The medical staff was under the direction of Dr. Samuel Breck, and included members of the Boston Dispensary force, as well as other physicians who gave valuable service. Mrs. Marion Gould and Miss M. Louise Ashley were again in charge of the corps of nurses, most of whom were volunteers from King's Daughters Circles of Boston, Newton and vicinity.

The fact that the 1478 sick children carried this year suffered from almost every disease incident to childhood, in addition to the harmful conditions of life incident to the poorer sections of the city and the large amount of ignorance on the part of parents, emphasizes the skill, no less than the devotion of both nurses and doctors.

The preparation and dispensing of medicines was in charge of Mr. H. R. Lovett, and Mr. Frank H. Moning was the commissary. For the most of the season, the work was supervised by Mr. John R. Anderson, and much of its success as regards the comfort of patients and others was due to his ability in the position.

Less than 33 1-3 per cent. of the cases represented second treatments, as against a total of 697 cases treated last year. The total number of persons carried this year was about 3,500 as against 1,800 last year.

Patients came from

Boston (proper),	South Boston,	Roxbury,
East Boston,	Charlestown,	Jamaica Plain,
Brighton,	Cambridge,	Medford,
Dorchester,	Hull,	Malden,
Revere,	West Roxbury,	Chelsea,
	Allston.	

Tickets were sent for every trip to dispensaries, district nurses, hospitals, Associated Charities Visitors and private physicians in all sections of the city and Cambridge, to the number of 119 agencies.

Each ticket when presented at the boat, was a doctor's certificate to the child, and the attendant, a necessity at first, soon became a desirability, for the reason that the instruction obtained during the trip was of untold advantage at home, enabling the mother to care for the child, in most cases, after one trip on the Hospital.

Where did the money come from? Everywhere. The first contribution came from a gentleman from a city on the Mississippi River. King's Daughters Circles, Lend-A-Hand Clubs, Christian Endeavor Societies, Sewing Circles, Sunday Schools, guests at summer hotels, all contributed to the work. From New York, from Ohio, from Pennsylvania, and of course from all the New England States, contributions came. There were, of course, many large contributions from persons who were able as well as glad to make them, but the very large number of small gifts was one of the most significant as it was one of the most pleasing incidents of the work, showing, as they did, the interest of the mothers and friends who had little ones to protect, perhaps little ones already protected from all the ills of earthly life, by the Heavenly Father who had lent them for a little while — the interest of those who knew but could not avail themselves of the benefits of salt air and breezes. It was a gospel preached to the "common people", but accepted by all classes. It was thoroughly democratic.

Acknowledgment of contributions were made in detail during the season through the *Transcript*, and in

every case where the name of the contributor was given a receipt and letter of acknowledgment were also sent.

One of the lessons of the first year was for us the necessity of making prominent the *object* of this institution. We believe no city in the world realizes in so many practical ways the demands of the dependent classes upon the philanthropies of its citizens as Boston, but in all the forms of popular summer work the idea of rest and pleasure is (and rightly, too) made prominent, and it was very hard to dissociate the Floating Hospital from an excursion in the minds even of a large number of its supporters. What, then, must have been the feeling of the mother with five children who bright and early was at the wharf, only to be denied admission to the boat. But it was necessary to be seemingly unkind to the well that the sick might have those benefits obtained for them at the expense of so much thought and planning, so much love and sacrifice, and the rule to admit the sick child and its attendant *only* was enforced as strictly as possible, and while there were a few exceptions they were for the most part conspicuous as proving not only the rule, but also that had Briareus and Argus been the keepers of the gang-plank, still some quick-witted North End mother would have escaped detection with a child who was not sick. Still the number of children indicates *sick* children in 1895, while that for 1894 is the total number.

One of the nurses, in writing of some of the cases which came under her care, writes: "The child I mentioned to you, and for whom Mr. A. gave me the \$2.00—her father died about three years ago and left her mother with four little children, one an incurable invalid. She first came to the Floating Hospital through the Dispensary. One of the Doctors, being touched



by her desolate condition, gave her a ticket for herself. With all the instincts of a mother she thought of the little invalid at home, and took her to the boat. The child had never been on the water before, and the sights and sounds were a revelation to her. The mother had not been for sixteen years. One of the physicians became interested in her, and has volunteered his services for the child indefinitely. Her little face brightens up whenever the boat is mentioned, and she often says, "If I only can go next year; they were so good to me."

She speaks of another woman, "an Italian, whose baby was treated for eruptions, caused by the wretched care and still worse method of dressing. The baby was treated, bathed, dressed *a la Americaine*. The mother became finally quite convinced that the ways of the boat were worth looking into and asked for a ticket to come again. The child was visited during the week and quite restored to health by the end of the season."

"Another woman brought a baby to us this year, saying: 'This is Henry; don't you remember him?' No, indeed; he had grown out of our remembrance, but after awhile we did remember a mite of a baby, emaciated, apparently in a moribund condition, which lay in the hammocks almost without motion, but now grown into a sturdy, healthy boy. She often said: 'I shall never forget all that the Floating Hospital did for me and my boy'."

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RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand from subsci- tions, 1894 . . .	\$1,817.77
Received as per list attached,	2,281.74
 Total Receipts . . .	 \$4,099.51

EXPENDITURES.

Barge	\$1,590.00
Wages	677.25
Commissary	510.89
Medical	23.23
Printing, Stationery, etc. . .	167.55
Clerical services	136.29
Miscellaneous	110.01
Supplies	67.95
Laundry	28.71
Teaming	30.85
 Total Expenditure . . .	 \$3,342.73
 Balance on hand, Nov. 15, 1895,	 \$756.78

CONTRIBUTIONS OF GOODS.

Hollingsworth & Whitney,	Paper bags for the season.
Oriental Tea Co.,	Coffee.
Wm. Potter, Agt.,	Highland Evaporated Cream.
Dennison Mfg. Co.,	Paper napkins for the season.
Mrs. N. D. Foster,	Six pairs woolen blankets.
Nash, Spaulding & Co.,	Sugar (two barrels).
F. A. Kennedy Co.,	Crackers for the season.
Dean, Foster & Co.,	Druggist's scales.

There were also many miscellaneous gifts of clothing, pillows, bed-clothing, pictures, etc., and special prices on goods purchased.

Sincere thanks are due and tendered also to the press of Boston for the courtesy of frequent favorable notices of the work.

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

Boston, October 22, 1895.

REV. R. B. TOBEY :

Dear Sir. — I enclose report of cases treated on the Floating Hospital during the past summer.

The cases tabulated are all new cases.

The results of treatment can hardly be definitely tabulated but it is the belief of all the attending physicians that a very considerable amount of immediate as well as lasting benefit resulted in a large proportion of cases.

Sincerely yours,
Sam'l Breck.

DISEASES TREATED.

Gastritis,	15	Coryza,	1
Enteritis,	353	Pott's Disease of Spine,	9
Gastro-enteritis,	186	Hip Disease,	3
Dentition,	62	Infantile Atrophy,	5
Debility,	64	Burn of Skin,	1
Bronchitis,	101	Pharyngitis,	2
Phthisis,	2	Intestinal Worms,	2
Pertussis,	1	Stomatitis,	2
Convalescence,	18	Syphilis,	1
Pneumonia,	6	Chorea,	2
Heart Disease,	2	Necrosis of Bone,	2

Middle Ear Inflammation,	2	Anæmia,	3
Conjunctivitis,	8	Convulsions,	2
Urticaria,	11	Opacity of Cornea,	1
Infantile Paralysis,	4	Hernia,	2
Cephalalgia,	2	Nephritis,	2
Inflamed Cervical Glands,	5	Eczema,	8
Multiple Superficial Ab- scesses,	4	Septic Wound,	1
Rickets,	12	Incontinence of Urine,	1
Constipation,	2	Contusion,	1
		Not Stated,	21
Children under 2 years old	.	.	614
" over " " " "	.	.	316
Not stated	.	.	7
Total	.	.	937

RESIDENCES OF CHILDREN.

Boston,	563	Hull,	1
South Boston,	120	Malden,	1
Roxbury,	74	Revere,	1
E. Boston,	77	W. Roxbury,	3
Charlestown,	27	Chelsea,	1
Jamaica Plain,	8	Allston,	1
Brighton,	3	Not stated,	25
Cambridge,	25		
Medford,	1	Total,	937
Dorchester,	6		

It is thought that for the most part tickets may be distributed more judiciously through the district nurses, and this plan in the main is likely to be followed if possible.

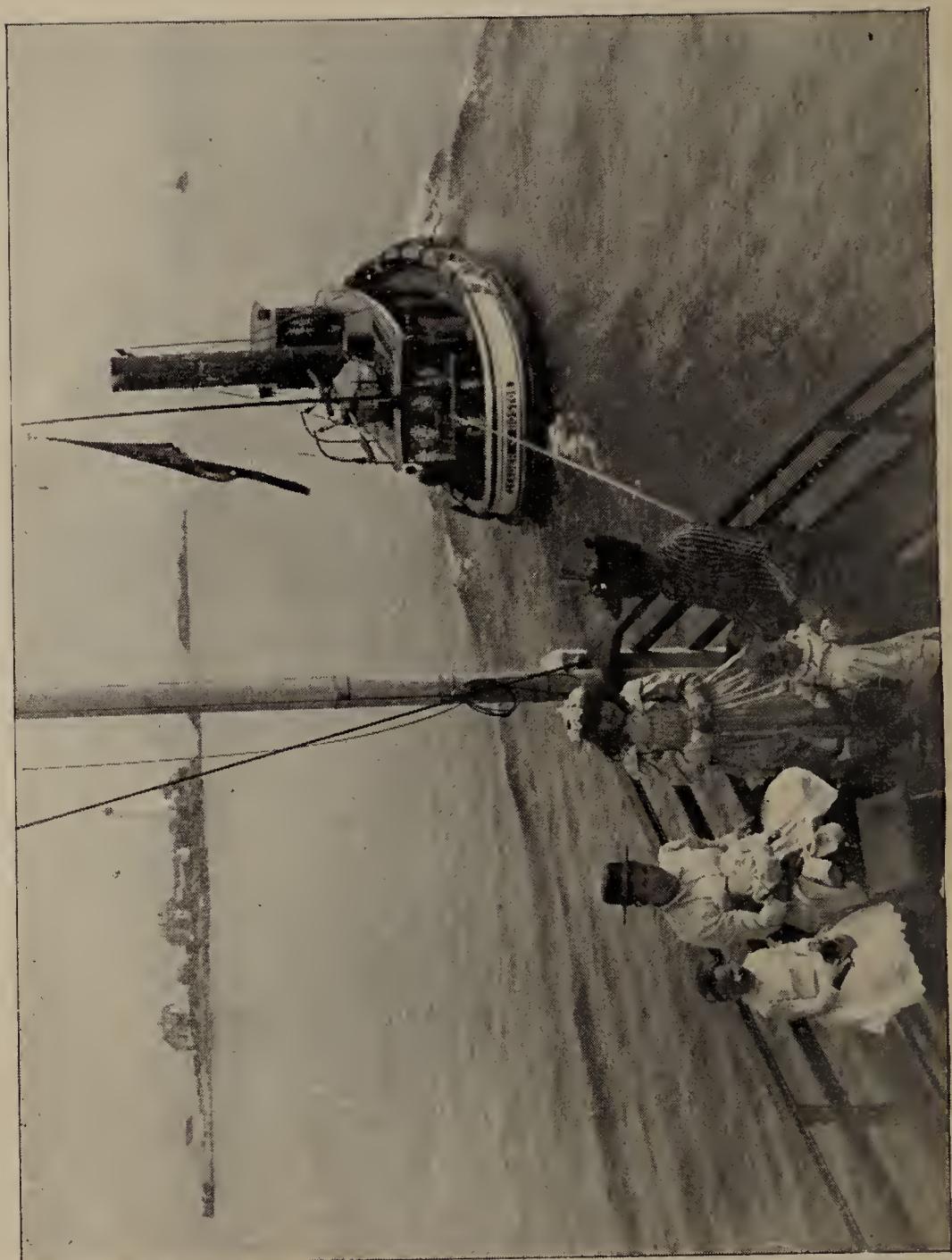
We labor under one disadvantage in not owning our own barge. The expenses of each trip would be materially lessened if the boat were ours ; we could make more trips each summer, and besides it could be fitted up for the sole use of the Hospital. If the contributions this summer permit of it we shall venture to make this purchase for another season.

The question is often asked, how many trips a week can you make, and for how long a time ? The reply is that all this depends upon a generous public. Five trips weekly for the nine weeks of the hottest part of summer can be provided for if we have the funds needed to thus extend our work.

In the past we have felt that we were but the agents of those who have contributed to the work ; this will continue to be our idea in the future. With thanks for the hearty co-operation of so many givers, we are now ready to receive funds for the season of 1896. Remittances may be made to Rufus B. Tobey, at 198 Dartmouth Street, or to Dr. F. H. Brown, 4 Exchange Place, Boston.

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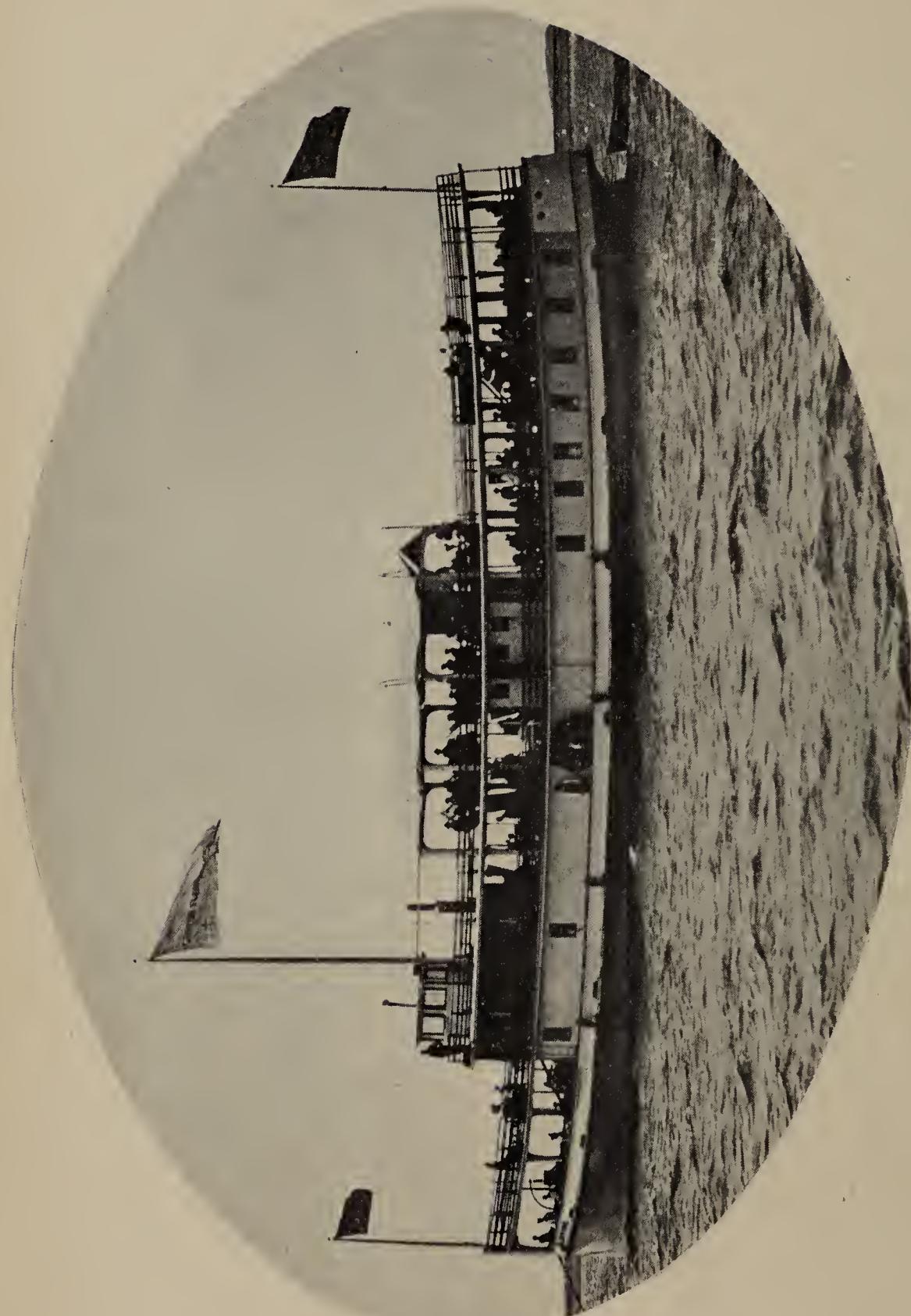
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And a corps of volunteer graduate nurses.	

REPORT OF THE MANAGERS.

The Managers of the Floating Hospital present their report of the fourth season's work with satisfaction at the results accomplished, and gratitude to the large number of friends who have made these results possible. Two important steps forward have been made. The barge that was formerly hired has at last been purchased and paid for, and the number of trips run each week has been doubled.

The Board has again secured the efficient services of Mr. Parker B. Field as Superintendent, and of Mr. John R. Anderson in presenting the work of the Floating Hospital to friends who could not see its actual operation.

The Lend a Hand Clubs have contributed generously, both to the general fund and by endowing beds and naming trips. Especial mention should also be made of the support given by guests of several summer hotels, as well as the practical and growing interest shown by the King's Daughters and Sons.

The Board takes this opportunity of extending its thanks, not only to its contributors, but also to the self-sacrificing corps of volunteer nurses and kindergartners who freely gave their time; to merchants who have made liberal concessions; to the press of Boston and vicinity for frequent services, noting especially the *Evening Transcript* and the *Herald*; and to Mr. William H. Brainard, to whose skill as an architect is due the present well-ordered hospital.

Details of the season's work will be found in other reports appended.

Two features deserve especial mention,—the special trips, paid for and named by societies and individuals, and the permanent endowed beds. It is hoped that others will wish thus to memorialize friends during the coming season. The charge in either case is one hundred dollars.

The fact should again be emphasized that the Floating Hospital is a *bona fide* hospital for *sick babies*, for little children (mostly under two) up to six years old only, and *not* for well children. While the latter need excursions, other agencies provide for them.

Attention is called to the statement of the Treasurer of the financial needs of the hospital for the coming season. Trips ought to be run six days in the week to do the best work; and, to do so, \$6,000 at least will be needed. Checks payable to Roger E. Tileston, Treasurer, should be sent to him to 173 Walnut Street, Brookline, to Mrs. Bernard Whitman, *Lend a Hand* office, 14 Bedford Street, Boston, or to any member of the Board. Information will be cheerfully given on application to Rufus B. Tobey, Chairman, 221 Columbus Avenue.

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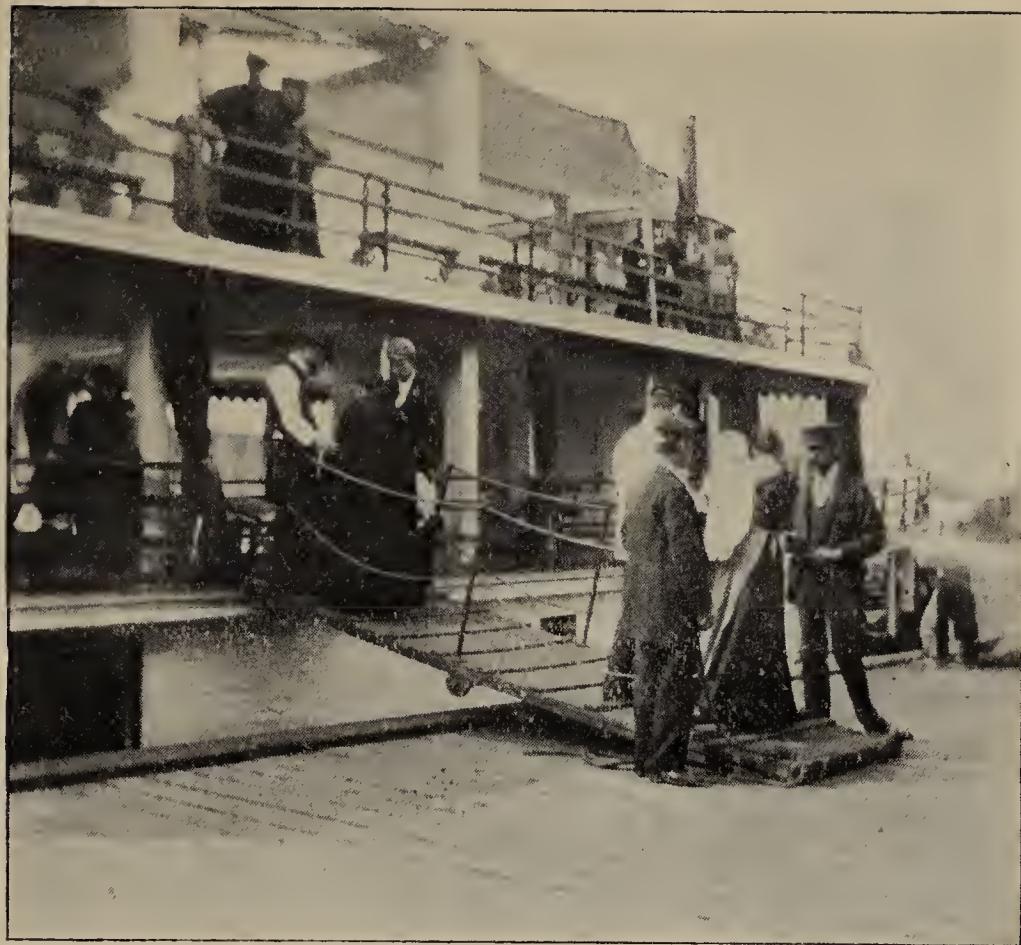
MEDICAL REPORT.

The Medical Department herewith reports the treatment on the Boston Floating Hospital of 762 children during the season of 1897. This does not represent the whole number of children treated, 771. The discrepancy is accounted for by the unavoidable loss overboard of some of the medical records.

Of the 762 cases reported, 495 were infants under two years old, 267 being over that age.

The number of trips made by the patients severally is as follows:

Children making 1 trip	350	Children making 8 trips	16
" " 2 trips	133	" " 9 "	9
" " 3 "	75	" " 10 to 15 trips	21
" " 4 "	38	" " 16 to 22 "	9
" " 5 "	24	Number of trips not recorded	51
" " 6 "	24	Total	<u>762</u>
" " 7 "	12		
Total number of children on all trips			
2,018			



TAKING TICKETS AND EXAMINING PATIENTS.



THE DOCTOR'S VISIT.

The localities from which these patients came were as follows:—

Boston (city proper)	349	Charlestown	1
South Boston	114	Somerville	4
East Boston	75	Brookline	2
Roxbury	96	Arlington	5
Dorchester	6	Chelsea	1
Allston	5	Everett	1
Brighton	5	Concord	1
Jamaica Plain	10	Unrecorded locality	71
Cambridge	14		
East Cambridge	2	Total	762

The following is a list of the diseases for which the patients were treated:—

1. Diseases of the Nutritive System:		5. Miscellaneous:	
Gastro-enteritis	207	Debility	23
Enteritis	348	Convalescence	27
Gastritis	9	Rachitis	4
Dentition	10	Malaria	2
Infantile atrophy	2	Chorea	2
Dysentery	3	Pott's Disease of the Spine .	6
Constipation	10	Tuberculosis of the ankle .	1
Indigestion	2	Hip disease	1
Prolapse of the rectum . . .	1	Tubercular glands	4
Intestinal parasites	1	Urticaria	4
Stomatitis	4	Eczema	3
Chronic enteritis	3	Impetigo contagiosa	1
Colic	1	Cephalgia	2
Reflex vomiting	1	Conjunctivitis	4
2. Diseases of the Circulatory System:		Otitis media	4
Anæmia	10	Furunculosis	1
Endocarditis	2	Lichen trophicus	1
3. Diseases of the Respiratory System:		Paralysis after meningitis .	2
Bronchitis	26	Hysteria	2
Broncho-pneumonia	3	No disease	13
Reflex cough	3	No diagnosis	4
4. Contagious Diseases (not desired—isolated at once):		Total	762
Whooping-cough	4		
Chicken-pox	1		

In estimating the results of treatment, three agencies are recognized:—

1. The impressions received by doctors and nurses in attendance on the hospital.

2. The tabulated summary of carefully taken bedside histories and notes.

3. House-to-house visiting after the end of the hospital season, hearing the reports of the mothers, and seeing the patients at that time.

1. The medical staff gives it as its opinion that a very large proportion of children treated on the hospital received marked benefit, often in a surprisingly short time. Symptoms previously obstinate subside, often in the first hours of the trip; and sleep takes the place of restlessness. A sharp watch has been kept for harmful effects, but such have not been noticed during the past season. This is believed to be due to the better facilities for protecting the sicker patients from the weather which the hospital now affords. In the cases of a number of patients who have made many trips on the hospital, and who were very sick on entrance, a continuous and very satisfactory gain was noted.

2. A summary of the condition of the patients at the end of the season shows :—

Patients discharged well	159
Patients discharged improved	549
Patients discharged not improved	50
Patients died	4

In looking over the records of cases marked as "Not improved," they are found as a rule to be divisible into two classes :—

(a) Those suffering from some chronic disease, like Pott's disease of the spine or rachitis; (b) those who have not been benefited by one or two hospital trips.

The number of cases, therefore, where benefit might be reasonably expected to appear and has not, is considerably reduced.

With regard to the four deaths which occurred on the hospital, the cases may be detailed briefly :—

Case 1.—K. T., $5\frac{1}{2}$ months. Extremely ill on entrance; gastro-enteritis; failed to react to stimulants; too weak to be taken home in the afternoon, and was kept on board over night; died next morning.

Case 2.—F. B., 10 months. Very feeble infant; diarrhoea and vomiting. Admitted August 2. This child was kept on board continuously for over three days, and faithfully cared for. Died August 6, 1 A.M.

Case 3.—M. G., 4 months. Child moribund on entrance; stimulants failed; died in a little over two hours.

Case 4.—H. D., 6 months. Sick three days with acute gastro-enteritis; no sleep since onset of illness; kept on board, and died at 1.15 next morning.

3. It may be here stated that two other very sick cases were kept on board over night, both of whom recovered.

House-to-house visitation was carried out by our House Physicians, and also by three of our medical assistants, Messrs. Hayes, Packard, and Forrest. This was an arduous undertaking, and these gentlemen richly deserved the thanks of the staff for the efficient way in which it was managed. In all, 586 calls were made. Results so far as ascertained were as follows:—

<i>Patients well, much improved by trips,</i>	<i>230</i>
<i>Benefit variable in amount, but, as a rule, considerable from the trips</i>	<i>274</i>
<i>Not improved</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>Slight improvement after trips, but worse later</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Temporary improvement after trips, but died later</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>No improvement from trips, died later</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Patients not found</i>	<i>53</i>

The cases in which death occurred have been carefully studied.

In 6 of the 12 cases, death took place so long after the hospital season (2-6 weeks) that it could hardly seem directly related to the trips; and no evidence was obtained to show that such was the case.

In one the report was that the child was brighter after the trip, but soon grew worse. The other five cases were recorded as being very severe cases on entrance, requiring stimulants at once, and having a considerable amount of fever. They all grew worse soon after the trips, and died within two or three days. These cases stand for a class which are too sick to be taken from their homes, unless they can be kept permanently in the hospital, and it is probable were injured by the noise and jostle incident to transportation to and from the boat.

It will thus be seen that all mortality on and off the boat was due to gastro-enteritis, the prevailing affection of children during the summer.

It is believed that, taking the general run of such cases, the mortality here presented is a very low one, although accurate statistics in proof of this are difficult to obtain.

The thanks of the staff are due not only to the medical officers of the hospital, but to our regular nurses, for the efficient manner in which their work was carried out, and also to the many graduate

nurses who so generously gave their services to the hospital for one or several days. One or more of these nurses was present on every trip of the hospital.

The season of 1897 was the beginning of a new era for the Floating Hospital, as its new equipment and more complete medical organization have enabled it to assume more nearly the characteristics of the hospital as such rather than those of the excursion boat. It is believed that the results of its work demonstrate the value of its improved régime, and it is to be hoped that its supporters may enable its officers to still further perfect its work.

SAMUEL BRECK, M.D.,

Chairman Visiting Staff.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The trips during the past season have, in many ways, been more successful than ever before. Owning our barge, we have been able to adapt it especially for our use; and with many permanent changes, which were before impossible, our equipment has been much more complete, and a considerable amount of labor and consequent expense has been saved. The fact that we have no longer been obliged to hire the barge for each trip has made it possible to conduct nearly twice as many trips as last year, and the cost per trip has been less by \$85.22 than a year ago.

The principal changes which have been made on the barge are:—

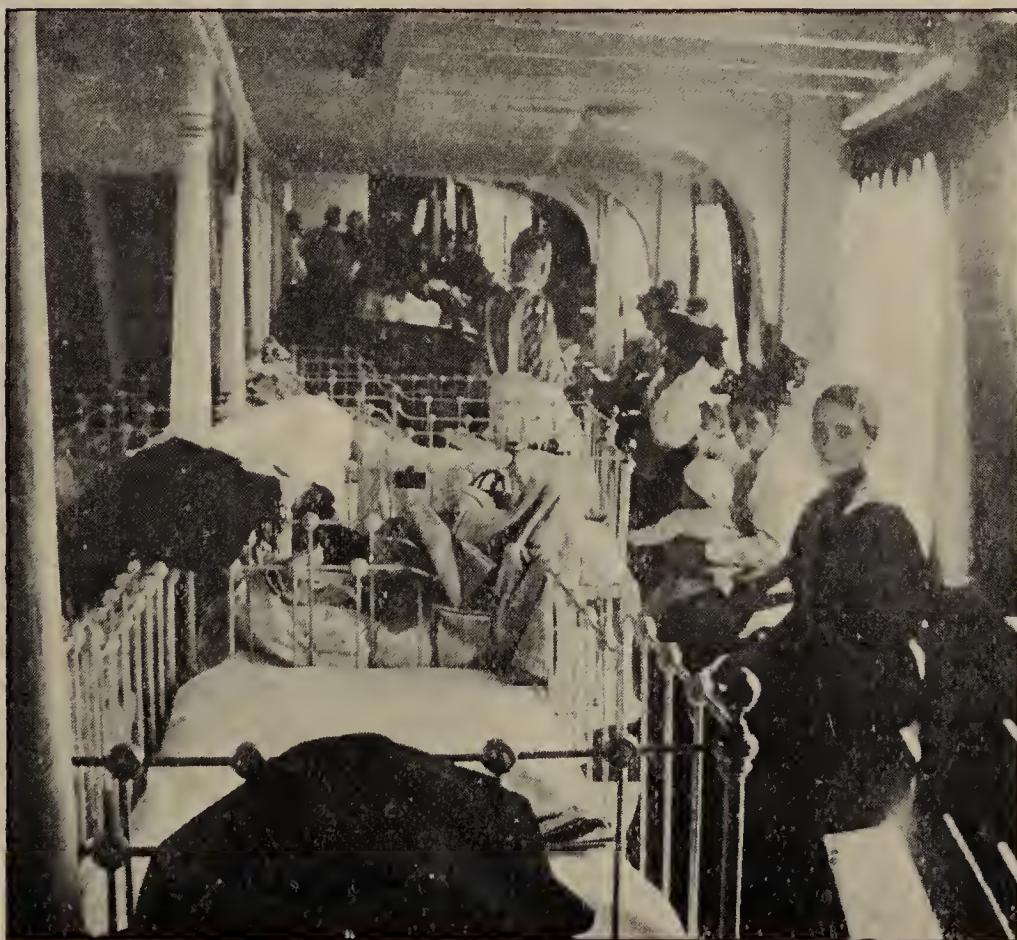
First. The introduction of bath-rooms on each deck, where sea baths may be given at all times and at any temperature, the water being warmed and forced over the boat by a new boiler and pump.

Second. The abolition of some staircases and construction of others, that all movements about the boat may be controlled from one point.

Third. The establishment of Ward A for the most serious cases,



WARD A. TWELVE ENDOWED BEDS. LOWER DECK.
FOR SICKEST PATIENTS.



WARD B. MIDDLE DECK, AFT.

in a more retired and quiet place than formerly, where it is possible, if desired, to close it entirely with glass windows.

Fourth. The arrangement of a more complete system of curtains, entirely enclosing the two wards on the main deck.

Fifth. The addition of a most convenient operating-room.

Sixth. The enlargement of the sterilizing and commissary departments.

The iron cribs, so generously contributed and named by various individuals and societies, have proved of greatest convenience. They are admirably adapted to our purpose; and, occupying less room than the hammocks or cots, more children can be accommodated in a given floor space. It would be most satisfactory if continued generosity should make it possible for us to so fit out the two remaining wards which are without them.

A glance at the methods of the hospital. Upon the arrival at the wharf of a mother and her baby, with the admittance card, which has been previously filled out by the local doctor, she meets our Inspector, who examines her credentials and passes her on to the House Physician, who stands at the gang plank. He makes a brief examination of the case, in order to guard against contagious disease, and designates upon the card the ward to which he assigns her. She then passes over the plank, when she is met by one of our force, who examines her bag and takes from her all food, milk, medicine, etc., and gives her a check for the same, the milk or medicine to be redeemed later on at the discretion of the physician, but the food to be kept until she leaves the boat, as she is to be served with hospital fare while on board. She is then met by another of our staff, who directs her to her ward, where the nurse in charge designates the bed for her baby; and there she and her child stay throughout the day.

The seven or eight physicians who are on board then examine all cases; and the regular treatment for the day begins, the patients being under the charge of hospital graduate nurses. Shortly after leaving the dock, the well children are sent to the forward deck, there to remain in the Kindergarten until dinner-time; and during the afternoon they are taken care of in the same way.

To all babies requiring further treatment the doctors issue return checks, good for the next trip. And, in the event of our having on board a child too ill to be removed, he is kept on board with his mother, attended by a physician and nurse, while the hospital is taken out once more into the fresher air of the harbor to remain all night.

With each baby we admit the mother or other care-taker, and sometimes a well child that can in no way be provided for at home; but such well children must be vouched for on the card of admission by the physician sending the patient. We hardly wish to say that this privilege has been abused by some, but we are sure that many children have been sent that need not have come; and we hope that those who sent them may see this report, and thus be brought to realize that, though the well child is kept for the larger part of the time in the Kindergarten, every one received militates against the efficiency of our treatment of the sick.

We have endeavored to conduct four trips weekly, though two were given up on account of inclement weather. Twenty-five trips were made, and 771 new and 1,247 old (returned) cases were treated. With these 2,018 children were 1,823 mothers or attendants, and 778 well children, a grand total of 4,619 persons receiving the benefit of the trips, an increase of 1,065 over last year; and the number would have been much larger, were it not that the season was a cool one, and consequently there was less sickness. The patients were sent by 132 physicians.

PARKER B. FIELD,
Superintendent.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

In submitting my annual report as Treasurer, I would call attention to a few points:—

The total running expenses, \$4,752.49, do not represent what we should need another year, because our trips began later than usual, and because a certain amount of repairs will be necessary each year, which was unavoidably included under "Alterations" this year, but will properly become part of the running expenses next year. At least \$6,000 will be needed. Besides the twenty endowed beds enumerated elsewhere, we have received \$85 on account of a bed, the balance to be given next year.

I give the figures on the following page.

ROGER E. TILESTON,
Treasurer.

ROGER E. TILESTON, *Treasurer*, IN ACCOUNT WITH BOSTON FLOATING HOSPITAL.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURES.
Balance on hand Oct. 20, 1896	\$523.52
Twenty-one endowed beds (\$15 due)	2,085.00
Six named trips	600.00
Subscriptions to Nov. 1, 1897	7,665.82
Interest	<u>21.44</u>
Running expenses:	
Captain and crew	\$487.11
Nurses	407.85
†Balance of pay-roll	756.85
Salaries	350.00
Clerk hire	313.75
Towing	827.00
Wharfage	181.80
Caulking and ship-smithing	69.24
Coal	40.25
Food	260.03
Medical attendance	55.00
Medical supplies	22.33
Printing and postage	455.00
Insurance	35.79
Rent, office	80.00
Telephones	26.90
Laundry	82.08
Balance salary, 1896	35.00
Miscellaneous	<u>266.51</u>
Balance in bank Nov. 1, 1897	\$10,724.05
	<u>171.73</u>
	<u>\$10,895.78</u>

I have examined above report with vouchers for same, and have found it correct.

CHARLES G. FARWELL, *Auditor*.

*A bill for plumbing amounting to \$263.17 is still outstanding, through the kindness of Messrs. Wm. Lumb & Co., who also contributed \$150 in work. This properly comes under "Alterations."

†Cook, sterilizers, dish-washers, distribution corps, inspectors, etc.

ENDOWED BEDS.

IN MEMORY OF MAY ROSEVEAR WHITE.—Mrs. J. C. White.
 STANLEY V. TRAVIS BED.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Travis.
 GEORGE STANLEY MANSFIELD BED.—Mr. George S. Mansfield.
 GOODREST BED.—Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer.
 IN MEMORY OF A LITTLE BOY.—Anonymous.
 IN HIS NAME.—Miss Annie Louise Richards.
 IN MEMORY OF EDWARD ALLEN RICHARDS.—Mrs. C. A. Richards.
 IN MEMORY OF OUR MOTHER.—Mrs. Louise K. Wilson and Miss Sarah S. Kimball.
 ELIOT CHURCH, NEWTON, BED.—Eliot Church, Newton.
 NIDULUS AVIS.—Miss Susan C. Damon.
 IN MEMORIAM EDITH MABEL CONSTANCE.—Miss Leadbetter.
 BENEVOLENT HELPERS' BED.—Benevolent Helpers, Harvard Church, Brookline.
 IN MEMORY OF JESSIE.—Mrs. John F. Winch.
 LEND A HAND BED.—Phi Alpha Lend a Hand Club, Allston.
 IN MEMORY OF SAMUEL LONGFELLOW.—Miss Alice M. Longfellow.
 CHARLES FAULKNER BED.—Mrs. Eliot Hubbard.
 IN MEMORY OF KATHERINE EARLE.—Mrs. J. F. Dorsey.
 IN MEMORY OF ELIOT B. MAYO.—By his Children.
 IN MEMORY OF A. W. SPENCER.—Mrs. Josephine V. Spencer.
 SUNSHINE BED.—Sunshine Club, Medford.
 RUFUS B. TOBEY BED.—Mrs. W. G. Benedict.

NAMED TRIPS.

EDWARD EVERETT HALE DAY.—First Trip: Mr. B. C. Clark.
 LEXINGTON LEND A HAND DAY.—July 20: Lexington Lend a Hand Club.
 TEN TIMES ONE TRIP.—July 27: "A Friend."
 ARLINGTON CLUB DAY.—July 30: Clover Club, Wide Awake Club, Together Club, Busy Beavers, (Arlington).
 UNITY LEND A HAND DAY.—August 3: Unity Lend a Hand Club, Lexington.
 INASMUCH TRIP.—August 10: Inasmuch Lend a Hand Club, Charlestown.



WARD C. MIDDLE DECK, FORWARD.



WARD D. UPPER DECK. FOR OLDER CHILDREN AND CONVALESCENTS.

CONTRIBUTED ARTICLES.

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING.

Miss Gertrude Baker.	Junior Alliance, Unitarian Church,
Whatsoever Circle, King's Daughters, Wollaston.	Wellesley.
"The Twins," Newtonville.	Lend a Hand of '74.
Mrs. Sarah A. Allen.	Mrs. Cumston.
Whatsoever Club, Bridgewater.	Miss Clapp.
Mrs. H. P. Talbot.	Young Ladies' Aid Society, Neponset.
Mrs. Mary P. Etheridge.	Mrs. H. D. Robinson.
Lily Gleaners, Newtonville.	Pansy Club, Ayer.
A. S. Perry.	Book and Basket Club, Newton.
	"Our Girls," Littleton.

BEDDING.

South Friendly Society, South Congregational Church (outfits for 12 endowed beds).	
Congregational Sewing Circle, Rockland.	
Home Circle, King's Daughters, Rockland Congregational Church.	
Christian Worker, King's Daughters, Tilton, N.H.	
Steadfast Ten, King's Daughters, Wollaston.	
Mrs. Wm. H. Howard.	
Mrs. W. G. Benedict.	
Miss E. M. Langford.	

DOLLS, TOYS, ETC.

Miss Bessie B. Reed.	Loving and Serving Circle, King's
Miss S. Ella Seamans.	Daughters, Brookline.
	Albert Arnold, one dozen brooms.
	Mrs. Stevenson, supplies.

OUR MERCHANT FRIENDS.

Swain, Earle & Co., coffee.	Union Ice Company, ice for season.
Walter Baker & Co., cocoa.	Messrs. Cobb, Bates & Yerxa, coffee.
U. S. Baking Co., biscuit for the season.	Oriental Tea Company, coffee.
Hollingsworth & Whitney Company, paper bags for the season.	Thomas Wood & Co., coffee.
Revere Sugar Co., sugar for season.	S. S. Pierce & Co., coffee and cocoa.
Carter, Rice & Co.	C. P. Jaynes, drugs for the season.
S. D. Warren & Co.	} Paper for annual report.
Tileston & Hollingsworth Co.	

We are also indebted to the following firms for special concessions in prices:—

Smith & Anthony Co., hardware.	H. M. Hatch, paper napkins.
Highland Evaporated Cream Co.,	Revere Rubber Co., rubber goods.
Highland cream.	Willard N. Chamberlain, meats.
Green & Co., provisions.	W. H. Raymond, milk.
Armour & Co., meats.	John Robertson, bread.
Potter & Wrightington, provisions.	

VOLUNTEER GRADUATE NURSES.

Miss MARGARET R. CREIGHTON.	Miss SARAH E. HILT.
Miss ELLA STARKWEATHER.	Miss A. J. GALLIGAN.
Miss JOHNSTON.	Miss HELEN HALL.
Miss LUCETTA GROSS.	Miss MARY STEWART.
Miss EMMA COLE.	Miss WEBSTER.
Miss SUSAN J. HILL.	Miss HANNA WILLIAMSON.
Mrs. MARY E. ELLIS.	Miss MARTIN.
Miss F. A. PRINDLE.	Miss JANET ANDERSON
Miss SCOTT.	Miss E. M. FITZGERALD.
Miss SMITH.	Miss CONLIN.
Miss FRANCES E. MORLEY.	Miss MARGARET MCKINNON.
Miss MARGARET MOTSCHMAN.	Miss MARY GRUGANE.
Miss ALICIA RING.	Miss J. A. GODVIN.
Miss MARGARET LOUGHEAD.	Miss L. M. COLEMAN.
Miss A. P. BLACK.	Miss M. E. MOORE.
Miss ABBIE B. WADE.	Miss MARY A. NEILL.
Miss MINNIE J. STOWE.	Miss MARGARET RICHARDSON.
Miss A. UNDERHILL.	Miss PORTER.
Miss MOORHOUSE.	Miss S. CAROLINE GULICK.
Miss ADA McCULLOCH.	Miss C. DEWAR.
Miss POOLE.	Miss CARY.
Miss GERTRUDE PARKER.	Miss ADA McNAB.
Miss SARAH E. FARRAND.	

The following persons also assisted as volunteer nurses:—

Miss NOYES.	Mrs. JULIUS BOUSSE.
Miss KATHERINE TIERNEY.	Miss MARY GOODMAN.

VOLUNTEER KINDERGARTNERS.

Miss JULIA E. KEITH, <i>Principal.</i>	Miss SARA C. BULLARD, <i>Assistant.</i>
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A WORD FROM MR. ANDERSON.

Among the grateful mothers whose babies have been saved by the Boston Floating Hospital, none is more enthusiastic of the grand work than Mrs. John Doolan. Mrs. Doolan has a big, warm heart; and her face was a study as she spoke of her little sick boy. Little Johnny was sitting up on one of the memorial beds in Ward B, playing with a rubber doll, his mother sitting beside the bed with a very happy expression on her face, when I approached, and inquired how the baby was.

“Sure, he is almost well now. He was more than ill the first time he came. He was dying. Sure, the doctors at the Dispensary told me, if Johnny lived till Friday, he would have a constitution like a man. And that was on a Tuesday. He was past taking medicine; but the doctor gave me a card for the boat, and said: ‘Mrs. Doolan, take the baby out to-morrow on the salt water. If the sea air doesn’t help him, nothing else can.’ Poor little boy, sure I thought he would die in my arms taking him home.”

“And you brought him down the next day?”

“I did that. On Wednesday morning I left home before seven o’clock, so as not to be late for the boat. Not one in the house went to bed the night before; and I hadn’t my clothes off my back for three nights before that, watching him all the time.”

“Please tell me what effect the trips have had on your little boy.”

“Look at Johnny for yourself, and see. The first trip he gained a little. He slept a couple of hours, but couldn’t eat anything. The next day the boat didn’t run; but one of the doctors called over at the house, and examined the baby. Nobody was ever more welcome. He gave us some of the same kind of milk the baby got the day before, and made us all feel better. On Friday and Saturday Johnny improved, and on the other trips, until the next Friday, when he was taken sick again. I think some of the little ones at home gave him something to eat that upset him entirely. On Friday we were out all day in the boat, and Johnny was very bad; and on Friday night the doctors thought that it would be better to stay out all night on the water. There was another very sick baby besides mine, and the two mothers remained all night with the children. I tell you it was a long night, but everything was done for our comfort; and Johnny, glory be to God! has been a new boy from that night.”

Little Johnny Doolan by this time had on the cap of the writer, and was trying to pull himself up by the side of his bed on to his feet. His mother grew eloquent over the Floating Hospital, and I should be mighty happy if I could make you feel about this worthy charity half as much as the mother of that thirteen-months-old baby made the one feel that listened to the grateful words of Mrs. Doolan, Johnny’s mother.

A prominent business man in Boston, a lover of children and a contributor to our fund, who spent the summer away from the city, met me a month ago, and inquired about last summer's trips. He said: "When I sat by the seashore at my summer home, I oftentimes thought of the sick babies. I eagerly read everything I could find in my paper about the hospital, but I wish you would tell me something more about it. You know I made a trip with you last year, and since that time I have been much interested." I told him in a general way about the purchase of the barge, the magnificent manner our friends contributed for that purpose, our making more trips and carrying more babies than on any previous year; the complete system developed by the Ward A, B, C, and D arrangements, etc. But, when I told him the following, a new interest was manifest.

We had on board on one trip a little child sick unto death's door. A Dispensary physician told his mother the previous day that nothing could be done in the line of medicine to save him, but said: "If he lives until to-morrow, take him down on the Floating Hospital. I'll give you a ticket." Well, we had him aboard; and everything was done for him that skill could suggest. Several times during the trip we thought the little fellow was gone. It seemed as if every one on board had a special interest in the life of that child. When the time for our return came, the problem stared us in the face, What shall be done with the baby? If he is taken ashore and back to the stifled quarters he left, he will surely die. If we return with him and keep him out on the water all night, there will be a chance for his life. There will necessarily be much expense if the latter course is pursued, and several persons will have to remain aboard all night. But the child's life must be saved if possible. Beside the cot bed stood the mother, her whole being wrapt up in that little bit of humanity, praying every moment for her darling's life.

Yes, thank God, it was decided to go out again into the cooler air, and keep the mother and baby during the night. Seven men and women gave up their night's rest and comforts of home for that little sick baby. But it paid to do it. The life was spared, and during the remainder of the season we had with us that little boy and his grateful mother.

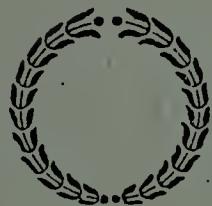
I was commencing on other incidents of last season's work, when my friend said: "I'll send my check on the beginning of the year. God bless the work."

JOHN R. ANDERSON.

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Boston Floating Hospital



SEASON OF 1898



BOSTON FLOATING HOSPITAL.

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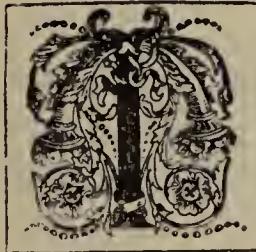
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N presenting the report of the work of the Boston Floating Hospital for the season of 1898 we make it largely a statement of facts, because the historical and pictorial part of the report will be found in the history of the work, from its inception, which accompanies this report. The board of managers are deeply sensible of their obligation to the public for its support of the work. Only through its contributions could the hospital be maintained. Each year new needs present themselves, but they all mean a higher degree of efficiency. The peculiar nature of the Floating Hospital work prevents its remaining on a dead level. The coming summer we hope to perfect arrangements for treating more carefully and successfully critical cases, and we must appeal, as heretofore, to a generous public for the means with which to do this.

As in previous years, we are largely indebted to the courtesy and kindness of the press of Boston and vicinity, notably to *The Evening Transcript*, *The Boston Herald*, *The Boston Globe*, and *The Traveller* for special articles. To all these, and the merchant friends whose names will be found herein, we tender our heartiest thanks.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL STAFF.

DIVISION I.

In reporting the cases treated on the Floating Hospital during the past season, two divisions must be made.

I. The day patients.

II. The permanent patients.

From the day patients we were able to exclude a large proportion of those seriously ill, by treating them as permanent patients, although many more were refused for lack of room.

Among the day patients, in general, a very satisfactory improvement has been noted. No death has occurred, so far as known, either on the hospital or after the trips.

DISEASES OF THE NUTRITIVE SYSTEM.

Gastro-enteritis,	157	Constipation,	7
Enteritis,	117	Intestinal Fermentation	18
Enterocolitis,	24	Dentition,	25
Cholera Infantum,	10	Stomatitis,	12
Chronic Enteritis,	2	Prolapse of the Rectum	2
Indigestion,	128	Rachitis,	18
Gastritis,	8	Malnutrition,	4
Diarrhea,	41	Marasmus,	4

DISEASES OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM

Anæmia,	16	Congenital Heart Disease,	2
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DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.

Bronchitis,	33	Pulmonary Tuberculosis,	1
Broncho-pneumonia,	2	Reflex Cough,	10
Pleurisy,	2		

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES (NOT DESIRED, ISOLATED AT ONCE).

Whooping Cough, 9

MISCELLANEOUS DISEASES

Debility,	32	Conjunctivitis,	5
Convalescence,	29	Furunculosis,	2
Malaria,	6	Talipes Equino-varus,	1
Chorea,	1	Serofulosis Facialis,	1
Pott's disease of the spine,	2	Scoliosis,	1
Tubercular Glands,	1	Blepharitis,	1
Adenitis,	6	Ecthyma,	1
Urticaria,	6	Keratitis Ulcerativa,	1
Eczema,	9	Otitis Media,	6
Mastoiditis,	3	Tongue-tie,	5
Meningitis,	1	Contusions,	2
Syphilis,	3		
Total number day patients	.	.	706
Total number diseases	.	.	787

RESULTS OF TREATMENT OF DAY PATIENTS.

Discharged Well	.	.	.	.	.	.	271
Discharged Improved	.	.	.	.	.	.	397
Discharged Not Improved	.	.	.	.	.	.	38
Died	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Total	.	.	.	.	.	.	706

DIVISION II.

THE PERMANENT PATIENTS.

By the completion of Ward B, as a closed ward, during the past season, and by the fitting up of both Ward A and Ward B with steam heat, we now have accommodation for twenty-four permanent patients. In time of emergency

six more cribs can be placed on the lower deck, making the total capacity for permanent patients thirty beds.

Patients were admitted to these beds at the following times :— 1. At Commercial wharf at the usual time for starting on trips, 8.30 to 9 A. M. 2. At Commercial wharf on the arrival of the boat at 4 P. M. 3. At Pickert's wharf in East Boston at any time from 4.30 P. M. to 8 A. M. These facts soon became known, and many emergency cases were brought to us.

Twice the number of beds available could have been filled with cases proper for admission to the hospital.

The management of the mothers has been surprisingly successful ; largely due to the adoption of the following rules. 1. Mothers may come to the hospital at any time, except when the boat is away on a trip (9 A. M. to 4 P. M.), and may stay with their children as much as they please. 2. At night mothers will be provided with cots on the middle deck. 3. Mothers are given one meal a day only on the boat, viz., the noon meal, when the boat is down the harbor (at other times the boat is accessible at East Boston, so that mothers can go back and forth to their homes at will). The practical result of these rules was, that mothers, feeling that they could see their children at any time, were content to leave them with us the greater part of the time, and it was a rare exception that a mother spent a night on board. At the same time, with some exceptions, they were assiduous in making daily visits to the hospital.

As to the care furnished these children, it may be said that we had an excellent corps of paid nurses, all experienced, and nearly all graduates of one or more training schools. Great care was taken in keeping records of all cases, and a physician in the person of the medical superintendent or his assistant was on duty, aboard the boat, at all

times. A daily visit was made by two of the visiting staff.

The permanent department must be regarded as a most important addition to the work of the hospital.

In admission of cases, our rule has been to accept the sickest cases in preference to those of a less serious nature. The class of cases received includes many of the most desperate character, the record showing that about 17 per cent. were practically hopeless on entrance. The question has arisen whether such extreme cases should be received? Statistics would undoubtedly be much improved were they rejected. It must be said, however, that an occasional case of this kind has rallied and improved, and it seems inhuman to refuse the sick child the small chance that it may have for recovery. The remedy for this difficulty is, of course, increased hospital capacity. If this is not forthcoming, it may be a stern necessity to limit our admissions next season to the more hopeful cases.

Our mortality has been high, but, perhaps, not surprisingly so, in view of the class of patients received, and the unusual severity of last summer's epidemic.

In watching the children carefully it was evident that atmospheric changes played a most important part in their progress. During a period of excessive heat and moisture (especially in August) almost all the patients in both wards could be seen to be distinctly worse, as shown by increased fever, inability to take food, and weakness in many cases amounting to collapse. There were no deaths until the latter part of July—then came the conditions referred to with deplorable results.

Can anything be done to better this state of things?

The question has arisen—Why can we not modify the air of our wards in such a way that our patients shall have dry air of a moderate temperature, which shall be uniform, irrespective of the weather?

Engineers have been interested in this problem, and consider the plan perfectly practicable. An outline of the necessary process is as follows. Pure air is taken by means of a wind-sail from the upper deck, and is first passed through a condenser, being propelled by means of a fan. In the condenser the air is brought into contact with many pipes through which sea water is being pumped. It is thus cooled and much of its moisture is precipitated. Its temperature after this is too low for admission to the ward, and it is therefore heated by passing it over steam pipes, whose number can be varied as required. It is then conveyed into the wards by means of suitable shafts having numerous openings. This latter provision is in order to prevent the occurrence of draughts upon the patients. The air then passes out of the ward by the natural apertures in the wood work. All the air in the ward is thus changed every five or even every two minutes, if desired, according to the speed of the fan.

It is believed in this way that an air of the proper dryness and at a temperature of 70° to 75° can be continuously supplied.

As yet no precedent for this exists, so far as known in the treatment of children, but it is difficult to see how such a result can be otherwise than beneficial, and should be so in a high degree. The expense involved is moderate, being about \$500. The matter is under advisement at present and the medical staff most sincerely hope that the plan may be realized.

The following is a detailed report of cases treated in the permanent wards, with results.

PERMANENT PATIENTS WERE TREATED FOR THE FOLLOWING
DISEASES.

Gastro-enteritis,	53	Diarrhea,	1
Cholera Infantum,	10	Constipation,	1
Enteritis Colitis,	11	Syphilis,	1
Marasmus,	2	Congenital Heart Disease,	1
Broncho-pneumonia,	7	Syphilitic Dactylitis,	1
Rachitis,	4	Peritonitis,	1
Enteritis,	8	Bronchitis,	4
Infantile Atrophy,	4	Stomatitis,	5
Mastoiditis,	1	Acute Pulmonary Oedema,	1
Gastric Indigestion,	8	Ischio Rectal Abscess,	2
Intestinal Fermentation,	3	Tongue-tie,	2
Meningitis,	1		

RESULTS OF TREATMENT.

Discharged Well	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
Discharged Improved	19
Discharged Not Improved	4
Discharged Against Advice	10
Died	39
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Total	99
Moribund on Entrance	18
Average stay of patients in permanent wards	10.33 days.						
Refused admission to permanent wards on account of lack of room	.	.	.	.	.	.	30
Of the deaths, only three were of children over 9 months old.							
Total number of permanent patients	.	.	.	.	.	.	99
Total number of diseases	.	.	.	.	.	.	132

Total number of day patients on all trips	1763
Total number of permanent patients on all trips	1022
Total number of well children on all trips	757
Total number of mothers on all trips	1649
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Visitors	257
Children under 2 years of age	572
Children over 2 years of age	233

SAMUEL BRECK, M. D.,

Chairman Visiting Staff.

NUMBER OF TRIPS MADE BY DAY PATIENTS.

Children making 1 trip	243
“ “ 2 “	116
“ “ 3 “	93
“ “ 4 “	55
“ “ 5 “	44
“ “ 6 “	30
“ “ 7 “	25
“ “ 8 “	18
“ “ 9 “	2
“ “ 10 to 15 trips	40
“ “ 15 to 20 “	12
“ “ 20 to 25 “	28
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Total	706

LOCALITIES FROM WHICH PATIENTS CAME.

Boston (city proper),	543	Hyde Park,	2
South Boston,	60	Charlestown,	13
East Boston,	81	Brookline,	19
Roxbury,	48	Chelsea,	3
Dorchester,	2	Everett,	7
Allston,	3	West Medford,	3
Brighton,	1	Wollaston,	1
Jamaica Plain,	3	Roslindale,	3
Cambridge,	6	Forest Hills,	1
East Cambridge,	3	Woburn,	1
Cambridgeport,	2		
		Total,	805

MEMORIAL BEDS.

TO JAN. 1, 1899.

In Memory of May Rosevear White. Mrs. J. C. White.

Stanley V. Travis Bed. Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Travis.

George Stanley Mansfield Bed. Mr. George S. Mansfield.

Goodrest Bed. Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer.

In Memory of a Little Boy. Anonymous.

In His Name. Miss Annie Louise Richards.

In Memory of Edward Allen Richards. Mrs. C. A. Richards.

In Memory of our Mother. Mrs. Louise K. Wilson and Miss Sarah S. Kimball.

Eliot Church, Newton, Bed. Eliot Church, Newton.

Nidulus Avis. Miss Susan C. Damon.

In Memoriam Edith Mabel Constance. Miss Leadbetter.

Benevolent Helpers' Bed. Benevolent Helpers', Harvard Church, Brookline.

In Memory of Jessie. Mrs. John F. Winch.
Lend a Hand Bed. Phi Alpha Lend a Hand Club, Allston.
In Memory of Samuel Longfellow. Miss Alice M. Longfellow.
Charles Faulkner Bed. Mrs. Eliot Hubbard.
In Memory of Katherine Earle. Mrs. J. F. Dorsey.
In Memory of Eliot B. Mayo. By his Children.
In Memory of A. W. Spencer. Mrs. Josephine V. Spencer.
Sunshine Bed. Sunshine Club, Medford.
Rufus B. Tobey Bed. Mrs. W. G. Benedict.
In Memoriam Whitney Davis. Miss Kate Whitney.
In Memory of a Young Mother. Anonymous.
In Memory of Winthrop Sturgis. Mrs. R. S. Sturgis.
Lend-a-Hand Club 1874 Bed. Lend-a-Hand Club 1874.
Inasmuch Bed. Inasmuch Lend-a-Hand Club, Charlestown.
First Parish S. S., Brookline, Bed.
Eliot Church, Newton, Bed No. 2. Eliot Church, Newton.
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In Memory of Leland Hoyt Powers. Mr. and Mrs. Leland T. Powers.
What She Could Bed. What She Could K. D., Dedham.
Elizabeth P. Whitney Bed. Elizabeth P. Whitney K. D., Brighton.
In Memoriam Harriet N. Brooks. Miss Sarah Brooks, Harwich.
John Simpkins Bed. Miss Mabel Simpkins.
In Memory of Margaret Morton Nickerson. Mrs. Kate Morton Nickerson.
Middlesex County K. D. Bed.
Norfolk County K. D. Bed.
In Memoriam Rowena Leavitt.
Leyden Congregational S. S., Brookline, Bed.
Edward Everett Hale Bed. Lexington Lend-a-Hand Club.

Allston-Brighton Memorial Bed. Allston-Brighton Fresh Air Mission.

Little Workers Bed. Little Workers, Newton Centre.

Plymouth Co. K. D. Bed.

In Memory of Agnes Chase Ober. Mrs. Ursula Ober-Squires and pupils.

Suffolk Co. K. D. Bed.

NAMED TRIPS.

July 22. Edward A. Horton Day. (B. C. Clark.)
25. President McKinley Day. (Mrs. G. H. Pendergast.)
28. Arlington Club Day. (Arlington Lend-a-Hand Clubs.)

Aug. 10. Wm. H. Baldwin Day. (R. W.)
12. Phillips Brooks Day. (B. C. Clark.)
17. Guests of Cottage Park Hotel, Winthrop, Day.
23. Edward Everett Hale Day. (Little Workers, Newton Centre.)
30. Albert C. Burrage Day. (A. C., F. H., R., and E. A. Burrage.)
31. Guests Atlantic Club, Allerton, 1899.

July 13, 1899. Little Workers Day. (Little Workers, Newton Centre.)

OUR MERCANTILE FRIENDS.

Mess. Armour & Co., Meats. Special prices.

Berkeley Custom Laundry. " "

Mess. Chase & Sanborn. Coffee.

Cobb, Bates & Yerxa Co. "

Willard N. Chamberlain, Meats. Special prices.

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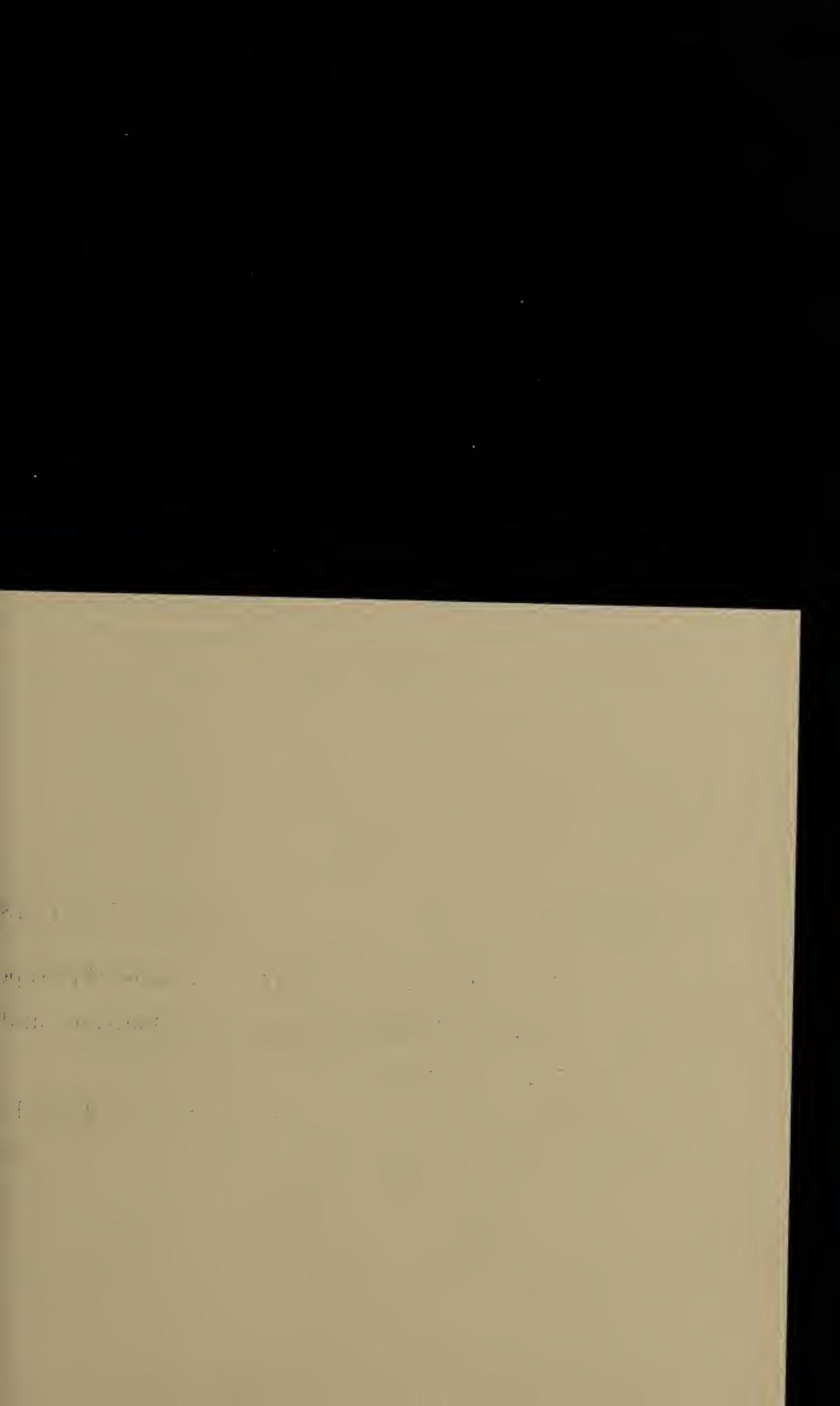
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Napkins.	Special prices.
Mess. Houghton & Dutton.	" " and toys.
Mess. Houston & Henderson.	Children's hose.
Wm. Potter, Jr., Agent.	Highland Evaporated Cream.
Mess. C. P. Jaynes & Co.	Medicines.
Mess. Chas. Kimball & Co.	Vegetables, etc.
Mess. Metcalf & Co.	Medicines.
John Robertson, Bread.	Special Prices.
Revere Sugar Refinery.	Sugar.
Mess. S. B. Shapleigh & Co.	Coffee and cocoa.
Mess. Swain, Earle & Co.	Coffee.
Union Ice Co.	Ice for the season.
U. S. Baking Co.	Biscuits for the season.
Mess. Thos. Wood & Co.	Coffee and tea.

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Apthorp, Mrs. O. L., Nahant.	Linen.
Almy, Mrs., Auburndale.	"
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Friend of the Children.	"
Guild for Christian Culture, Neponset.	Furnishings for bed.
Gay, Mrs. Albert.	Clothing.
Griswold, Mrs., Dorchester.	Linen.
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Hastings, Mrs. J. W.	Clothing.
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Hamlyn, Miss Sarah C.	Sheets and linen.
Holden, Mrs. J. C.	Linen.
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Inasmuch, Hyde Park.	Clothing.
Courteous, Newtonville.	Furnishings for bed.
Helpful, Foxboro.	Clothing.
Forget Not, Littleton.	Linen.
Newburyport.	Clothing, linen and towels.
Central Cong. Ch., Newton- ville.	Pillows.
Lend-a-Hand Club, 1874.	Clothing, 5 lots.
Lend-a-Hand Club, Littleton.	"
L. W. E.	Afghan.
Ladies' Reading Club, Faneuil	Clothing.
Lyman, Mrs. Dorcas A.	"
Lawrence, Mrs. Robt. M.	Linen.
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Mosman, Mrs. W. B.	Clothing.
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McBeath, Mrs. John D.	"
Martha and Mary Club.	" two contributions.
Miller, Mrs. Chas. A.	"
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Potter, Mrs. Allen.	Clothing.
Prouty, Mrs. C. A.	Linens.
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Ten Times One Society, Northboro.	" and Linen.
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Treworgy, Mrs.	Linen.
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Vinson, Mrs. C. A.	"
Whitney, Miss Kate A.	Clothing and furnishing
Wheelwright, Mrs. John S.	Linen.
White, Mrs. Wm. H.	Clothing.
Watt, Mrs. W. J.	Linen.



BOSTON, Feb. 1, 1899.

I hereby certify that I have examined the report of
R. E. Tileston, Treasurer, herewith submitted, and find
the same to be correct.

CHAS. G. FARWELL,
Auditor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ROGER E. TILESTON, *Treasurer*, in account with Boston Floating Hospital.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand November 1, '97 . . .	\$ 171.73
Endowed beds	2,091.92
Named trips	1,064.50
Subscriptions to November 1, '98 . .	6,414.22
Interest	23.37
	\$9,765.74

EXPENDITURES.

New sick ward, etc.	\$1,149.17
RUNNING EXPENSES:	
Maintenance and repairs	\$1,245.20
Captain and crew	480.42
Nurses	818.93
Balance of payroll	975.23
Assistant Manager	844.00
Salaries and clerk hire	569.00
Towing	1,322.00
Wharfage	219.00
Coal	46.50
Food	605.26
Medical supplies	292.64
Printing and postage	433.55
Insurance	35.76
Rent, office	160.00
Laundry	237.61
Miscellaneous	207.60
	\$8,492.70
	\$9,641.87
Balance in bank, Nov. 1, '98	123.87
	\$9,765.74

LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS.

Adams, Mrs. Walter B.
A. E. W.
A. F., Jamaica Plain.
A. H. C.
Ames, Mrs. F. L.
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An Interested Mother.
Anonymous, 6-26.
Anonymous, 8-13.
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Appleton, Mrs. Wm., two contributions.
Armstrong, Geo. W.
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Boston, Trinity Episcopal.

Brighton Congregational.
Dorchester, Christ Unitarian Church and Sunday school.
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Danvers, Unity Chapel.
Harwich Congregational.
Newtonville Congregational.
Newtonville Universalist Society.
Wollaston Congregational.
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Entertainments :
Bluebeard.
Candy Sale by H. A. V. G. Club, West Newton.
Candy Sale, Ocean Point, Me.
Children's Entertainment, Sea Cottage, York Beach, Me.
Concert, Prout's Neck.
Entertainment by fourteen Newtonville children.
Fair by Agnes Swain and Edith V. Woodward.

Fair by Sunbeam Society,
Newton Centre.

Fair by Frances Tyer,
Sarah Hincks, and Beth
Cole, Andover.

Impromptu Fair by Centre
St. children, Brookline.

Pinehurst, Entertainment
Committee, Pinehurst,
N. C.

Sale by seven little boys
and girls, Samoset house,
Marblehead, Mass.

Tableaux by seven little
girls of Winchester.

E. S. B.

E. S. C., two contributions.

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Faulkner, Miss Fannie M.

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Forbes, Mrs. Wm. H.

Forrest, Miss Gertrude E.

Foss, Mrs. Eugene N.

Four little girls of Swamp-
scott.

Franck, J. C.

Franklin Street.

Friend, A., Greenfield, Dec.
16, 1897.

Friend, A., 3-25.

Friend, A., 6-3.

Friend, A., 6-22.

Friend, A., 6-26.

Friend, A., 7-1.

Friend, A., 8-5.

Friend, A.

Friend, A., 8-9.

Friend, A., 8-12.

Friend, A., 8-12.

Friend, A., Bethlehem, 8-13.

Friend, A., 8-13.

Friend, A., 8-13.

Friend, A., 8-18.

Friend, A., 8-18.

Friend, A., 8-25.

Friend, A., 8-29.

Friend, A., 8-29.

Friend, 8-29.

Friend, A., 8-31.

Friend, 8-31.

Friend, 9-3.

Friend, Hyde Park, 9-17.

Friend.

Friends of the babies.

Friend of the little sick
babies.

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Frothingham, Miss.

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Godbolt, Mr. and Mrs. Jos.

Goodwin, Miss A. M.

Goodwin, Hon. Hersey B.

Goodwin, Mrs. Hersey B.

Gray, Mrs. S. S.

Greenleaf, Mr. and Mrs. S. A.

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G. W. K.	"In Memoriam," D. C. R.
H.	"In Memoriam," Lucy White Palmer.
Hall, John O., Jr.	In memory of A. H.
Hardy, Mrs. A. H.	In memory of A. L. T.
Harlow, Rev. Edward and brother.	In memory of F. G. H.
Hart, Henry W.	In memory of H. L. T.
Hayden, C. H.	In memory of Little Stanley.
Hayden, Mrs. Chas. R.	In memory of our Charlie.
Hecht, Jacob H.	In memory of Winthrop Sturgis.
Hemenway, Mrs. Chas. P.	
Hemenway, Miss Mary A.	
Hildreth, Stanley B.	Jaques, Miss.
Hill, Mrs. Hamilton A.	Jaynes, C. P.
Hill, Mrs. J. F.	J. E.
"Hive, The."	J. H.
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Hooper, Mrs. R. C.	Junior Alliance, Wellesley Hills Unitarian Society.
Hooper, Mrs. R. C., Sr.	Juuior C. E. Society, Cong. Church, Brighton.
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Hosford, Miss Elizabeth.	
Hotel Pemberton, Guests of, two contribtions.	
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 Brookline, "Considerate."
 Concord, Concord Union.
 Cottage City.
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THE Boston Floating Hospital came into existence to supply a felt want. The feasibility, as well as the need, of such a work had been amply demonstrated in New York city. At first, as much volunteer service as could be secured was availed of. But it speedily became apparent that in order to do the work of a hospital, skilled physicians and trained nurses were necessary. Other cities might be contented with a work combining both remedial and excursion features, but this would not suit conservative Boston. Because of this, it can be fairly claimed that we have the model Floating Hospital. Yet the management have never lost sight of the purpose to keep the expenses down to the minimum. The work was of sufficient magnitude to incorporate it, and the contributors would have approved an office and office force especially devoted to the work; but by combining forces and becoming a department of the Lend-a-Hand Society, economy has been practised wherever possible. At the same time, some of the best service is a labor of love. Too much cannot be said in praise of the physicians, who give valuable time and professional skill in the general oversight of the work. The chairman of the Board of Managers and the Treasurer also give their services freely.

The history of the work shows a normal growth; every improvement or new appliance has come in response

to an imperative demand. The season of 1899 has seen the installation of the atmospheric plant, which seems to give to the Boston Floating Hospital everything that skill can furnish for the care of the babies entrusted to our charge. We are not yet in complete possession of this plant, although the generous public contributed largely towards the purchase of this, in addition to the current expenses of the season.

Some facts and figures of the Annual Report follow, with detailed official reports.

The policy of the physicians as to the matter of receiving moribund children is now settled. While this increases the death rate, it has been kindness to receive into our care such babies of this class as come or are sent to us. But it should be emphasized that many of these might have come as day patients in the incipient stages of disease with a strong probability of cure, who were kept at home until they were beyond human aid. Some mothers have asked for admission of their babies as permanent patients, who have admitted that they had received cards for the little one as a day patient.

The usual number of pathetic incidents occurred during the last season. One day four adults came from Watertown with a wee bit of humanity, sent by two physicians, who said nothing but the Floating Hospital would save the child. It has been a source of satisfaction that some of our contributors have become interested in cases, and have sent them to us. Dr. Wilkins reports that many of the mothers were of a higher grade than those of the year previous, and there were more expressions of gratitude. He was specially impressed when mothers whose babies were beyond recovery thanked him for the unremitting care given them. These mothers were more willing to

part with their little ones in view of the fact that everything possible had been done for them.

Looking forward to the future of the work, it would seem as if little more were needed to make the hospital perfect. The introduction of smaller cot beds gives us the maximum number. A third permanent ward completes the accommodation for more than fifty permanent patients. We can care for at least seventy-five day patients in addition. Every facility for extinguishing fire, and caring for the hospital company in case of danger, has been provided. It is hoped that the need of a new hospital has been put forward several years by the completeness of the present arrangements.

The Corporation, of which we are a department, does more than Lend a Hand. The encouraging words and practical assistance given by Dr. Hale at the outset, have developed into continual parental care. Mrs. Whitman has also exerted herself to the utmost to further the interests of the Floating Hospital. Our largest contribution for the season of 1899 was secured by her personal efforts. And there is not a Lend-a-Hand Society that is not ready at any time to labor in our behalf. We are under added obligations to the press for the many and kind words said for the work, and for full accounts of various trips.

REPORT OF THE VISITING STAFF FOR THE SEASON OF 1899.

The report of the medical work done on the Boston Floating Hospital during the past season may be considered under the following heads :

1. THE OUTFIT FOR WORK.
2. THE WORKING FORCE.
3. THE MEDICAL WORK.
 - a. Educational.
 - b. Medical.

1. Our facilities have been greatly increased during the past year in several directions. We now have a new ward for permanent patients on the middle deck which contains twenty-four beds. Ward B has been enlarged by the removal of the stairway, which took up much valuable space, giving us sixteen beds in that ward instead of twelve. These, with the original permanent beds in Ward A, twelve in number, give us in all FIFTY-TWO beds for *permanent patients*.

During the season of 1898, which was a very severe one, one of the most distressing features of the work in our wards was the disastrous results of the hot and sultry days of August. On such a day a whole ward of patients would grow markedly worse, and in many cases a fatal issue could be directly referred to such changes in the weather. The work of that season made a profound impression on the minds of the medical staff. It was felt that something must be done, if possible, to counteract this evil influence.

After much time and thought had been expended in the matter, it was decided feasible to install a plant for the

purpose of so cooling and modifying the air of the permanent wards that our patients could be given an atmosphere of an even temperature and of a certain degree of moisture, irrespective of weather conditions outside. So far as this related to the care of the sick, it was distinctly a pioneer project, although its use in commercial enterprises dates back quite a number of years. The installation of this plant was a Herculean task from a mechanical point of view, as well as a most expensive one. In regard to the latter consideration we felt that if Lowney & Co. could spend \$20,000 for a plant of similar character in order to cool their chocolates, we were justified in spending a fraction of that amount in the effort to save life. After many vexatious delays, this plant has been installed and has proved its capability of doing efficiently the work in hand. So far it has not had a fair chance to demonstrate its worth. The month of August last summer was a remarkably cool one, and as our machinery was in working order only during that month, it was not so urgently needed as we had reason to expect it would be. We confidently look forward to next season, however, feeling that our apparatus is efficient, and that lives will be saved by it.

An outline of the process by which the air is modified is as follows :

The air is first received into a large ventilating pipe projecting about seven feet above the upper deck, and by means of a revolving fan is carried over a series of pipes in which brine, at a temperature of about 10° F. is circulating. The brine in these pipes is kept constantly cool by means of an ice machine of eight tons capacity, a special pump being used to circulate the brine. Contact with these cold pipes reduces the temperature of the air considerably below the point desired for the wards, and in so doing

precipitates the moisture, or in other words, dries the air. The air is then passed over pipes heated by steam and thus raised to the proper temperature for distribution to the wards. The pipes for the wards are large, so that the current of air is not a violent one, and the outlets are so arranged that no draughts of air can affect the patients. The wards, of course, are tightly closed.

A passing reference may be made to the many conveniences in the way of closets, the new nurses' dining room, the change in the stairway already referred to, and many others in which the ingenuity of Mr. Coleman was conspicuous, and which mean so much to those doing the immediate work of the hospital.

2. THE WORKING FORCE.

The medical staff has lost none of its old members, but on the contrary has received important additions. On another page will be given the names of the gentlemen representing the various special departments of medicine who have received appointments to the hospital and thus signified their willingness to aid the work. The medical superintendent of last season, Dr. C. D. Wilkins, was the executive assistant of the year before, and a new assistant, Dr. W. W. McKibben, was appointed last year. These two gentlemen were resident on the boat during the season. Miss L. A. Wilber, our superintendent of nurses, materially added to her force of nurses during the past season, having had in all twenty-two nurses under her.

An important improvement has been the engagement of rooms in a hotel not far from the mooring of the hospital boat, for the nurses, greatly aiding in the regularity of hours, and saving of fatigue to the nurses.

Four medical assistants rendered good service in the clerical work connected with the care of patients.

3. EDUCATIONAL WORK.

During the past season a regular course of instruction and training has been established for the nurses. Lectures have been given by members of the staff, — as a rule, two weekly, — and the nurses were required to hand in written reports of these lectures to be corrected and marked. At the end of the season a written examination was held, and to those nurses who passed a satisfactory examination, and whose work in the wards was satisfactory, a diploma was given.

The following nurses were given diplomas : —

1. Miss Ellen G. Parker.	5. Miss Bertha M. Andrews.
2. Miss Ellison B. Spencer.	6. Miss Margaret A. Burns.
3. Miss Elsie E. Mitchel.	7. Miss Ada L. Loring.
4. Miss Elizabeth Adams.	8. Miss Alice M. Rediker.

Other features of the work of educational value have been similar to last season.

4. MEDICAL WORK.

The following statistics are the compilation of the Medical Superintendent, Dr. C. D. Wilkins :

Total number of day patients, 855.

DISEASES TREATED.

DISEASES OF THE NUTRITIVE SYSTEM.

Gastro-enteritis,	297	Dentition,	15
Enteritis,	185	Intestinal Fermentation,	16
Enterocolitis,	59	Rachitis,	9
Gastritis,	32	Intestinal-parasites,	3
Malnutrition,	22	Scurvy,	1
Improper Feeding,	30	Infantile-atrophy,	1
Stomatitis,	26	Prolapse of Rectum,	1

OTHER DISEASES.

Convalescence,	84	Eczema,	3
Debility,	53	Parasites,	3
Bronchitis,	14	Diabetes,	1
Conjunctivitis,	6	Cretinism,	1
Tubercular-adenitis,	4	Syphilis,	1
Tonsillitis,	4		
Total number of day patients			855
Total number of diseases			871

RESULTS OF TREATMENT.

Discharged Improved			505
Discharged Well			294
Discharged Not Improved			56
Died			0
Total			855

LOCALITIES FROM WHICH DAY PATIENTS CAME.

Boston,	565	Everett,	6
East Boston,	48	Dorchester,	5
South Boston,	38	Malden,	4
Roxbury,	88	Roslindale,	3
Charlestown,	24	Allston,	3
Somerville,	21	Mattapan,	1
Cambridge,	20	Ashmont,	1
Brookline,	12	Forest Hills,	1
Jamaica Plain,	7	Medford,	1
Brighton,	7		
		Total,	855

PERMANENT PATIENTS, 155 IN NUMBER, WERE TREATED FOR
THE FOLLOWING DISEASES.

Gastro-enteritis,	101	Icterus Neonatorum,	1
Enteritis,	21	Conjunctivitis,	7
Enterocolitis,	9	Debility,	2
Marasmus,	15	Lobar Pneumonia,	1
Broncho-pneumonia,	7	Improper Feeding,	1
Rachitis,	3	Tinea Tonsurans,	1
Intestinal Fermentation,	4	Dentition,	3
Tubercular Meningitis,	1	Osteo-myelitis,	1
Syphilis,	5	Tonsillitis,	1
Bronchitis,	13	Malnutrition,	1
Catarrhal Stomatitis,	4	Pott's Disease,	1
Gastritis,	3	Anæmia,	1
Thrush,	5	Multiple Furunculosis,	1
Phthisis,	3	Hernia,	5
Pemphigus,	1	*Nasal Diphtheria,	2
Chronic Eczema,	4	Urticaria,	2
Phimosis,	1		
		Total Diseases,	231

* Sent to South Department of Boston City Hospital. No contagion resulted.

RESULTS OF TREATMENT.

Discharged Well	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25
Discharged Improved	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	32
Discharged Not Improved	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Discharged Against Advice	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
Died	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	63
Total	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	155

Of the sixty-three deaths, twenty-seven patients were moribund on entrance.

Permanent patients under 2 years old	.	.	.	.	145
Permanent patients over 2 years old	.	.	.	.	10

LOCALITIES FROM WHICH PERMANENT PATIENTS CAME.

Boston,	61	Brookline,	4
South Boston,	18	Everett,	2
East Boston,	12	Medford,	1
Roxbury,	21	Woburn,	1
Dorchester,	2	Somerville,	8
Brighton,	2	Malden,	2
Jamaica Plain,	3	Ashmont,	2
Cambridge,	5	Revere,	1
East Cambridge,	4	East Canton,	1
Hyde Park,	1	Watertown,	1
Charlestown,	3		
		Total,	155

NUMBER OF TRIPS MADE BY DAY PATIENTS.

No. children making 1 trip	.	.	.	.	.	356
" " " 2 trips	.	.	.	.	.	158
" " - " 3 "	.	.	.	.	.	107
" " " 4 "	.	.	.	.	.	58
" " " 5 "	.	.	.	.	.	42
" " " 6 "	.	.	.	.	.	41
" " " 7 "	.	.	.	.	.	30
" " " 8 "	.	.	.	.	.	23
" " " 9 "	.	.	.	.	.	16
" " " 10-25 "	.	.	.	.	.	24
Total	.	.	.	.	.	855
Total number day patients on all trips	.	.	.	.	.	2579
" " permanent " " " "	.	.	.	.	.	1758
" " well children " " "	.	.	.	.	.	602
" - " mothers " " "	.	.	.	.	.	1392
Grand Total	.	.	.	.	.	6331
Visitors	.	.	.	.	.	413

To one who has watched our work during past years, it was apparent last season that a great change has taken place gradually in its character. The elements of the excursion have been eliminated, and those of the hospital *per se* have been year by year brought more to the front. As will be seen on inspection of the last figures in the above data, our permanent work was not so very much less than half of the total work, and our permanent cases represent the very worst types of the summer epidemic. Many cases are brought to us as a last resort, and when nothing can be done for them except to make them as comfortable as possible. None of these desperate cases have been refused, although our statistics would have been much better if such had been the case. An occasional apparently hopeless case has recovered. In concluding, for the medical staff, I wish to say that the cordial support of the board of managers has always been accorded to us, and that any deficiency in the medical work is in no wise due to them. Of our nurses, I can only give the very best report. Success or failure in the treatment of young babies depends largely on the minute care of the conscientious nurse, without which the physician's work is of very little value.

SAMUEL BRECK, M. D.,

Chairman Visiting Staff.

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In His Name. Miss Annie Louise Richards.
In Memory of Edward Allen Richards. Mrs. C. A. Richards.
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" " " 3. " "

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- July 5. Sherman Hoar Day. (B. C. Clark.)
- 12. Bessie Burrage Day. (A. C. Burrage.)
- 13. Little Workers' Day. (Little Workers, Newton Centre.)
- 21. Boston Post Day. (The Boston Post.)
- 24. Mrs. Reuen Thomas Day. (Young Ladies Benevolent Society, Harvard Church, Brookline.)
- 25. President McKinley Day. (Mrs. George H. Pendergast.)
- 27. Arlington Day No 1. (Friends, Arlington.)
- 29. Charles Faulkner Day. (Miss Fannie M. Faulkner.)
- 31. Jamaica Plain Day. (Mrs. A. P. Fisher and Miss Lillian G. Currier.)

Aug. 2. Unity Lend-a-Hand Club Day. (Unity Lend-a-Hand Club, Lexington.)

3. Arlington Day No. 2. (Friends, Arlington.)

4. Arlington Day No. 3. (Friends, Arlington.)

8. Leonard Wood Day. (Friend of Children.)

10. In Memory of C. F. F. (Mrs. Chas. Faulkner.)

16. Wm. H. Lyon Day. (First Parish, Brookline.)

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21. Charles R. Hayden Day. (Mrs. Annie R. Hayden.)

28. Two July Babies' Day. (Miss Elizabeth G. Houghton.)

29. A. A. Berle Day. (Members and Friends, Brighton Congregational Church.)

30. Caroline and Marian Gay Day. (Proceeds of Fair, Cohasset.)

31. Edward Everett Hale Day. (R. W.)

Sept. 1. Arlington Day No. 5. (Friends, Arlington.)

2. Albert C. Burrage, Jr. Day (A. C. Burrage.)

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McDonald, Mrs. D. A.	Clothing.
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1898	.	.	123.87
Memorial Beds	.	.	1,952.86
Named Trips	.	.	2,212.00
Contributions	.	.	11,771.17
Loan	.	.	1,500.00
Interest	.	.	<u>46.83</u>
			\$17,606.73

EXPENDITURES.

Atmospheric Plant	.	.	5,503.95
Maintenance and Repairs	.	.	2,168.18
Captain and Crew	.	.	554.31
Nurses	.	.	1,331.71
Balance of Pay roll	.	.	1,260.82
Assistant Manager	.	.	1,013.75
Salaries, Clerk Hire	.	.	1,390.72
Towing	.	.	1,003.60
Wharfage	.	.	246.95
Fuel	.	.	82.39
Food	.	.	737.26
Medical Supplies	.	.	351.42
Printing	.	.	188.88
Postage	.	.	119.56
Insurance	.	.	106.05
Rent	.	.	172.50
Laundry	.	.	444.96
Water	.	.	74.85
Miscellaneous	.	.	665.85
Balance on hand	.	.	<u>189.02</u>
			\$17,606.73

Jan. 1, 1900. Balance on hand **\$189.02**

CHARLES G. FARWELL, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, Dec. 30, 1899.

I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer for the year ending Dec. 30, 1899, going over the cash received and expended as shown by his books, and checking the cash on hand as shown by his report with the balance as certified by the Old Colony Trust Co., and find them to be correct.

Respectfully submitted, HENRY B. SAWYER, *Auditor.*

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tarian.

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tional.

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gational.

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Entertainment, S. S. "Canada."

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Fair, Misses Caroline and Marian Gay.

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Fair by four little girls, Marion.

Fair by Rosie Schoenhof, Brookline.

Fair by Eleanor Abbott and Helen Sprague.

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Sale by Helen Birch, Arlington Heights.

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Sale by seven little girls of Quincy.

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In Loving Remembrance of
Baby Alice.
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Arlington
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Somerville
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Church, Boston
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I bequeath to my executor the sum of
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JANUARY, 1901

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History
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1900.

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FLOATING HOSPITAL, NO. ONE.

FLOATING HOSPITAL.

When Janus opened the door of the twentieth century a serious problem was presented to the Boston Floating Hospital. Whatever of sentiment or romance attached itself to the previous history of this work is over-shadowed now by the intensely practical side. It is one thing to take charge, for a day at a time, of little ones who are simply ailing, with here and there a possibly dangerous case, but it is quite another thing to take full charge, for days and weeks, of critical cases, not a few of which are brought to us hovering between life and death with the chances seemingly against recovery. The whole work has come to be viewed as a sacred trust, and the responsibilities assumed make it imperative that every possible means for saving child life shall be employed on the Boston Floating Hospital.

Two years ago, as is well known, we faced the problem of establishing means by which humidity and powerful heat might be overcome. The result, as one of the leading physicians of the city, who saw it last summer, said, is that we have "October weather in August." The development has been rapid; progress has been at a swift pace, and yet some new possibility or certainty presents itself

which calls for careful planning and prompt action. When it was proposed to give lectures to the nurses by the doctors, on which they would later be examined, we never dreamed of calling it post-graduate work, and yet this is precisely what an able article in the *Nurses' Magazine* styles it, and for which this periodical has nothing but praise. It has been farthest from our thought to attempt any radical work along the line of investigation, but we are told that nowhere else can children's summer diseases be studied as on the Floating Hospital. A physiological laboratory, with a microscopical outfit, must be a part of our equipment. All this speaks well for Boston ; had the work of other cities been exactly copied, and were it subject to their limitations, it is a question whether the Boston Floating Hospital would now be in existence. Certainly it could not make the strong claim it does to-day.

If the report of Dr. McKibben for the last season could be published in full it would be seen (first) what a splendid work was done under his direction, and (second) how he pleads for additional facilities for doing better work.

Among other discoveries the last season was that of the far greater benefit derived in many instances from open wards, a fact which has influenced the managers, in their plans for the new hospital, to limit the closed wards to dangerous or isolated cases where the atmospheric plant can do its best work, and to provide nature's remedies for the

others. There was not in the thought of the managers any clearly defined purpose to make our work an object lesson, and yet imperceptibly this is what has come to pass. Dr. McKibben recommends further instruction to the mothers in preparing children's foods, and visitation to them at their homes. It has always been our policy to show the mother that it is better to learn how to care for the children at home in cases of emergency than to send for the doctor or send the little ones to the hospital. But even when such instruction is given line upon line and precept upon precept, the hospital will always be full.

We wish it were possible to put a new hospital in commission this summer, but a committee of the managers has been appointed, with full power to proceed with the matter of securing a new boat for the season of 1902. Whether this can be accomplished depends chiefly upon the generosity of our contributors. The same faith which emboldened the managers to purchase and refit the present boat at an expense of \$5,000 urges them to plan for a new boat to cost when completed not less than \$50,000, and this means that nothing shall be paid for ornamentation or mere effect, but that the different departments shall be thoroughly equipped for the work which devolves upon us. The gratification and pleasure because of the work in years gone by will become a satisfaction when we have the facilities for doing what we ought to do.

RUFUS B. TOBEY.

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PREFACE.

The opening of the new century is an occasion for a review and a preview of the work of the Boston Floating Hospital. This pamphlet is a brief history, up to date, of what has been accomplished. It also sets forth some of the more important needs of the Hospital for the immediate future. Our faith that these needs will be supplied is justified, in view of the liberal support the Hospital has had since its inception. It has become peculiarly a life-saving institution. It has availed itself of all existing agencies for treating little sick ones, and it has originated some, in order to secure the greatest efficiency, but it is possible, by investigation and experiment, to bring to light new means which shall benefit not only our own patients, but which shall also be available to the medical fraternity at large. It is speaking within bounds to say that nowhere else can summer diseases of children be studied under as favorable circumstances as on the Boston Floating Hospital, and it is in the interest of medical science, as well as of suffering infantile humanity, that the plea is made for the largest possible support of our work.

This preface would be incomplete without an expression of hearty gratitude to the press for making known our work to thousands who otherwise might be unacquainted with it. As a result, we have gained new friends, and our contributions have been increased.



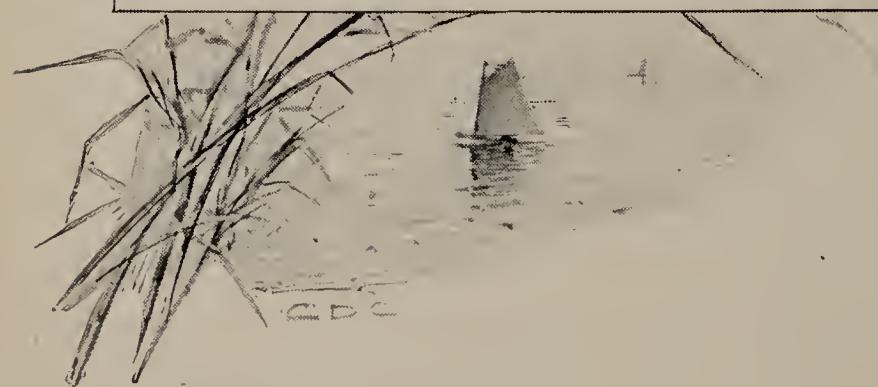
WAITING ON THE DOCK.

BOSTON FLOATING HOSPITAL

It does not take one who engages in charitable or philanthropic work very long to see that as many as possible of the band of workers should be on duty during the summer months, and a beginner along these lines speedily avails himself of all the agencies for getting the stay-at-homes out of doors. A car ride, or a series of car rides, is well, and a trip down the harbor is better; better still is an outing in the country. But best of all are the health-giving agencies which may be brought to the sick ones, or to which they may be carried.

Any form of work done for sick babies is a necessity in the summer, for at no other time is there such a strain upon the mothers in the care of their sick children.

While returning to his out-of-town home, after a long summer day's work which extended far into the evening, the founder of the Boston Floating Hospital witnessed some sights that made a deep impression upon him. It was the methods employed by mothers to secure the best possible results for their little ones in the struggle for existence. It may have been nine o'clock in the evening, or ten, or even later, but the South Boston bridge furnished a promenade for mothers with children in arms and in their modest baby carriages; and it might have been, and probably was, after midnight before these devoted ones returned with the babies to the homes made trebly uncomfortable by the excessive heat.



AN ACCIDENTAL MEETING BEFORE A DAY'S TRIP.
MAYOR HART, MESSRS. TOBEY AND ANDERSON.

Was there not a better way than this; and how great was the need? The official report of Boston's Board of Health shows that, on an average, nearly three times as many deaths occur among children under five years in July and August as in June, and when the picture we have just seen was shown some medical friends, it ought not to have occasioned surprise that they referred to instances where they had sent mothers to the Marine Park and nearby beaches, and to any available place where the wonderful effects of salt air could be gained.

The next stage in the history of this work was when a report of the New York Floating Hospital came under Mr. Tobey's notice. This excited his interest and compelled attention, for it seemed to be a work as much needed in Boston as in New York. Further inquiries as to methods and results deepened this conviction. Mrs. Florence Hunt, of the Boston Herald, in quest of summer items, was informed of this desirable and necessary charity, and made a report of it which attracted so much attention that some contributions were received very soon after.

All this occurred in 1893. Mr. John P. Faure, the chairman of the Floating Hospital Committee of St. John's Guild, New York, which had been founded in 1874, heartily sympathizing with the establishment of a similar philanthropy in Boston, kindly gave an illustrated lecture on the work during the winter of this year, and in the spring of 1894 a proposition to attempt the experiment in Boston received the endorsement of the Monday Evening Club. With no desire to multiply the agencies for summer work, a single trip was planned for. It was due largely to the encouragement of Rev. E. E. Hale and Dr. Francis H. Brown, that this first effort was made, and it was confidently hoped and believed that the Seashore Home Corporation, of which both these gentlemen were members, would then assume the work; but as meanwhile money sufficient for the estimated expense of five trips had been contributed, Mr. Tobey decided to give the work a thorough trial.

When one looks back upon these beginnings, at the discouragements and inconveniences which attended the summer's work of 1894, it is a wonder that the Boston Floating Hospital did



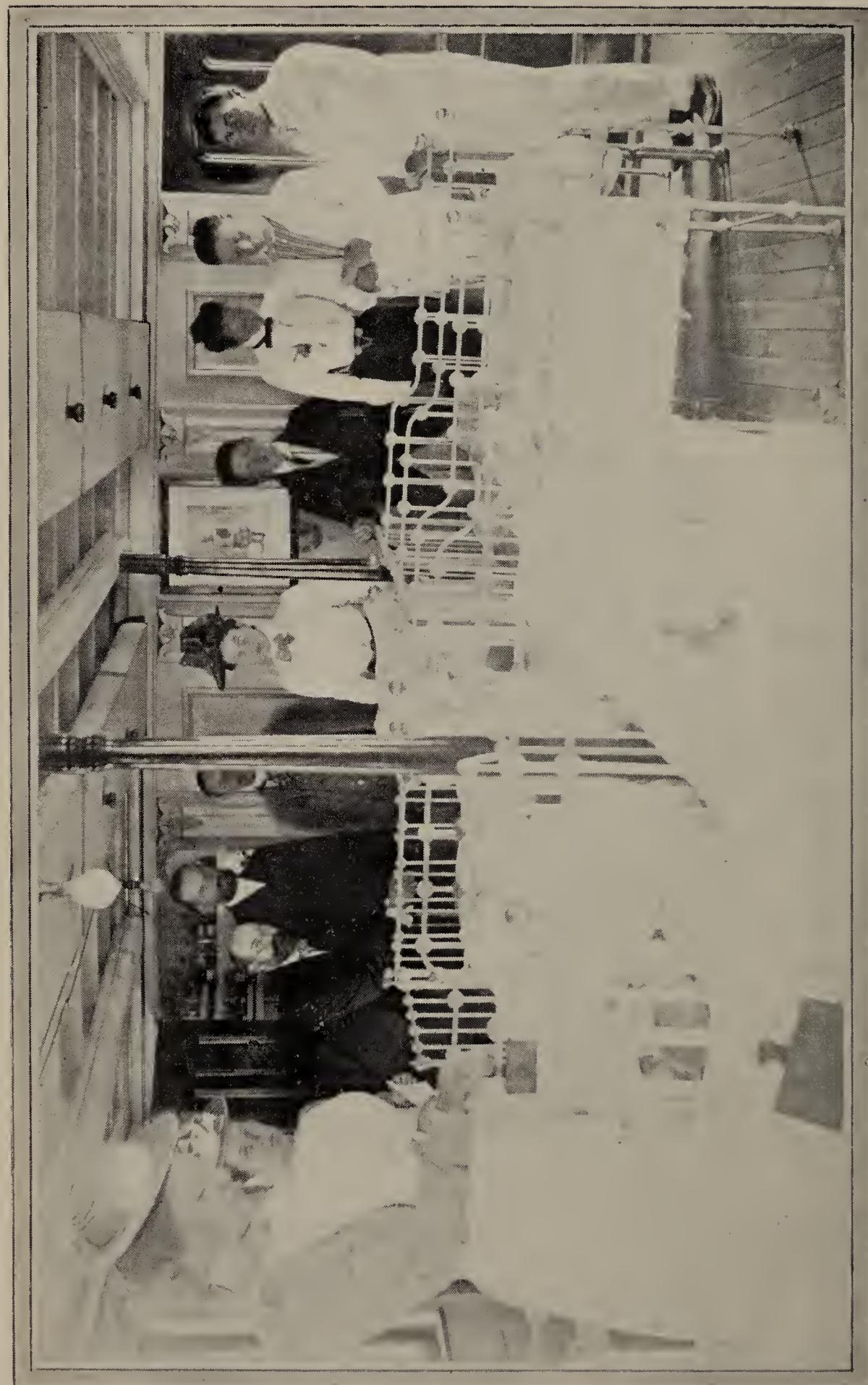
HERE WE GO, THE BARGE IN TOW.

not meet with an early death. Of course, there were certain features of the New York work which could be copied, but the managers there had everything at their disposal, while we were compelled to hire a barge used for excursion purposes on other days except those on which we controlled it. It was also used for moonlight and Sunday excursions, and it became necessary, before it could be made available for our use, to remove every feature of an excursion, and prepare the barge for the reception of our furniture. Hammocks were swung, cots placed in position, clothing for the children and apparatus for cooking food and sterilizing milk for the babies, were all taken aboard in the morning and removed at night.

Tickets for the admission of patients were sent to the agents of Associated Charities, the dispensaries, the hospitals, and many of the physicians of the city. These were distributed to the mothers of sick babies, and signed by a physician, entitled the baby to one trip. The Hospital was designed for sick babies, but the rule was early adopted that a well child might be brought with the sick one as well, if it could not be otherwise cared for. No distinction of nationality or creed was made. These conditions have remained unaltered to the present time.

Dr. James B. Thornton and Dr. C. D. Underhill were the supervising physicians, but the most of the work was done by medical students. Only a head nurse and an assistant were employed during this first season, and this was true of the second season also, though there were a number of volunteers from King's Daughters Circles, etc.

The first trip of the season was made July 25th. Eleven hundred children were given the benefits of a day's medical treatment and outing on the waters of Boston Harbor during the season, of which number 697 were new cases, in a large number of which there was marked improvement. Doctors, nurses, and the few visitors who were allowed to accompany the patients, were unanimous in praise of the idea and its visible results, and all through the following fall, winter and spring, there came letters of gratitude, of encouragement, of inquiry, and best



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of all, letters giving and promising financial support for the work of the second season. In fact, the two largest contributions to the work in 1894 were based on the record of the first three trips, and were received when the season was too far advanced to make additional trips. When the results of the season's work were summed up, it seemed probable that the Boston Floating Hospital had come to stay. One thing which pointed in this direction was the balance on hand of over \$700; another was the possibility of the assumption of the work by the Seashore Home Corporation.

The Hospital was subject to the same limitations during the season of 1895 as in the previous year. The work was reorganized, as the result of the experiences of the first season, and its financial condition, present and prospective, enabled us to plan for thirteen trips, the first being made July 12th, giving attendants at the Christian Endeavor Convention which met in Boston an opportunity to make its acquaintance.

The Seashore Home Corporation was compelled to decline to adopt the work, but promised financial assistance, and the interest of Dr. Hale and Dr. Brown continued unabated. Dr. Samuel Breck consented to act as Superintendent of the Medical Department, and the staff included members of the Boston Dispensary force, as well as other physicians, all of whom gave valuable service. Mrs. Marion Gould and Miss M. Louise Ashley were again in charge of the corps of nurses.

In the arrangements for feeding the mothers and children, the experiment was tried this year of issuing to them small tickets which were exchanged for the article indicated thereon, at the direction of the nurse or physician. The scheme seemed to work well, but was intended to be only tentative.

The preparation and dispensing of the medicines was in charge of Mr. H. R. Lovett, and Mr. Frank H. Moning was the commissary. For the larger part of the season the work was supervised by Mr. John R. Anderson, and much of its success, as regards the comfort of patients and others, was due to his ability in the position.



WHEN HE WAS OUR PHARMACIST.

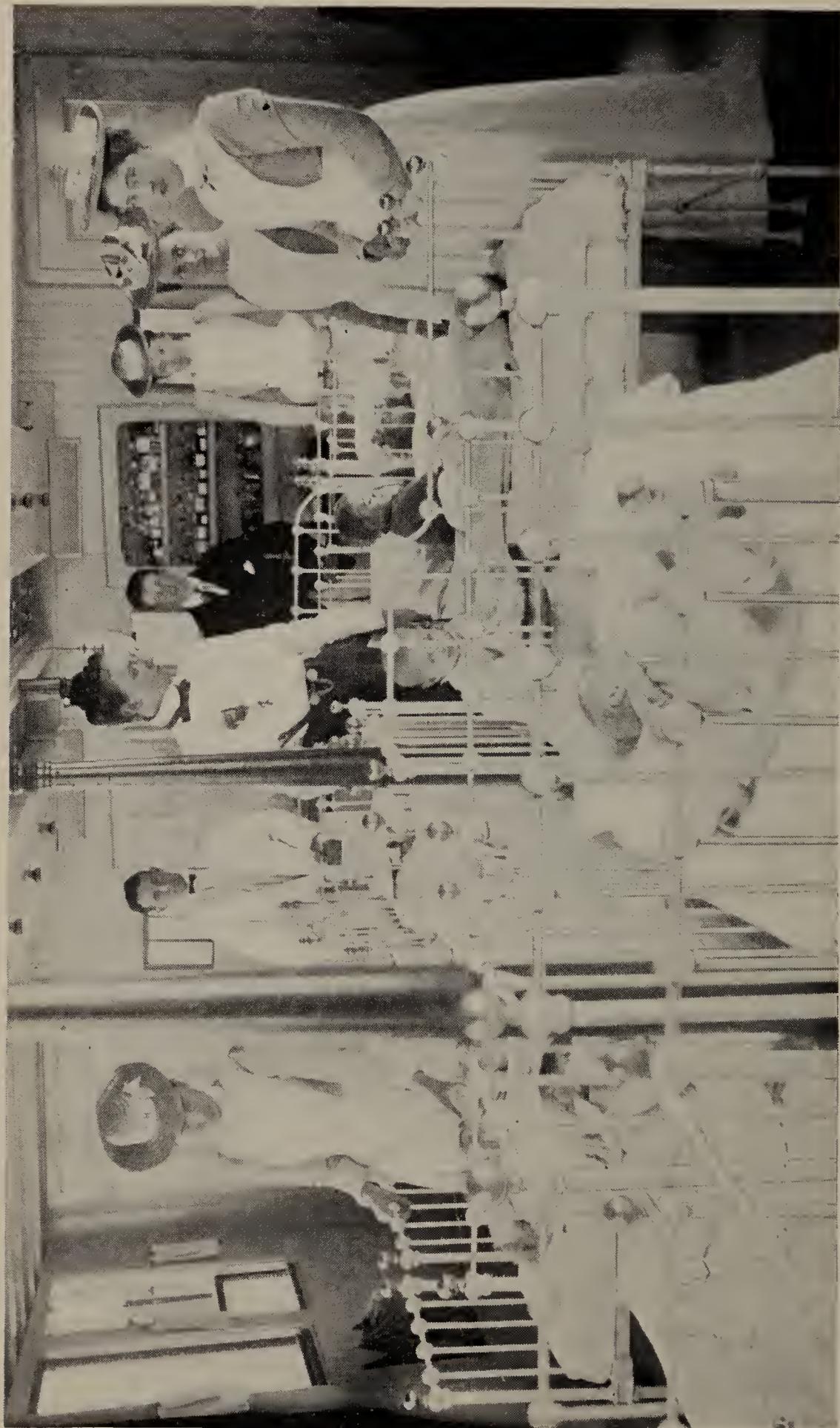
1,478 sick children were carried this year, representing 937 new cases, covering almost the entire range of diseases affecting children, and a total of 3,500 persons receiving the benefits of the work, as against 1,800 the previous year.

When the season of 1895 closed, the wisdom of making the Floating Hospital a permanent feature in Boston's summer philanthropies was settled beyond doubt, and the report for that season presents the first suggestion of the ownership of the barge, with this end in view.

In the spring of 1896, a coalition was formed with the Ten Times One Society, by which the Hospital obtained the advantages of incorporation, and the season opened with a complete re-organization, including a board of directors, a regularly appointed medical staff, two permanent nurses, with a corps of volunteers representing the best trained nurses in the city. Miss L. A. Wilber, who, this season, came into the work, was in charge of the main ward. She has continued with the Floating Hospital ever since, and is now Superintendent of Nurses. A Modified Milk department was established with an experienced woman in charge. The food and medicines were distributed to the mothers and children throughout the Hospital by a distribution corps under Mr. Anderson; an inspector of supplies was appointed, and the examination of articles brought on board by the mothers inaugurated. Last, but not least, a kindergarten was started, in which the well children were taught and entertained, to the increased comfort and benefit of the sick children, and the relief of the mothers.

The work, as thus organized, was under the superintendence of Mr. Parker B. Field, Mr. Tobey being elected chairman of the board of managers, a position which he has since held.

During the season, the Hospital was remodelled and equipped to care for 200 children, and surgical facilities was added, as experience had shown that occasional operations in this department were necessary. The patients were classified, the more serious cases being assigned to the "Sick Ward," the average cases to the "Middle Ward," and the milder ones to the upper deck. The



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method of receiving and caring for patients, as established this season, has remained substantially unchanged, and may be explained as follows:

The mother, having obtained a card of admission, on which a physician certifies that the child is sick, but has no contagious disease, presents this to the inspector at the gang-plank. If the simple formalities have been complied with—and these are made as easy as possible—her bag, bundle or package is examined to see that no contraband article of food or drink is brought on board. The instruction is, that no food of any description is to be brought, this being provided by the Hospital. In spite of this caution, in the earlier years of our history, the most injurious foods, and even intoxicating liquors were seized and confiscated. Passing the inspector, the mother goes on board and meets a doctor and nurse, who satisfy themselves as to the eligibility of the patient, and assign it to its proper department. There the child is placed under the care of the physician and nurse who are to be responsible for its welfare during its stay on the Hospital. Elsewhere will be found an interesting description of the methods of feeding and administering medicines.

The statistical report of the operations of the Hospital first assumes definite and satisfactory shape in this year, and shows 1,558 treatments to 895 patients for about fifty diseases. There were only three deaths during the season, and the medical staff reports "no apparent benefit" in only 55 cases. Six of the cities and towns included in Greater Boston sent patients. In all, 3,546 persons received the benefits of the work on the thirteen trips made this year. 1896 also marks the inauguration of the "Named Days," the opening trip, July 10th, being named by Mr. B. C. Clark, one of our earliest and most constant friends. This feature of the work has become familiar and favorite with our friends, and perhaps needs no explanation here.

The clerical work incident to this development included the distribution through the mails of about 10,000 pieces of printed matter, and each year has seen a substantial increase in this branch of the work.



A POPULAR GROUP OF PATIENTS.
"HELEN," "HERBERT" AND "WARREN."
IN WARD C.

From the first, it had been evident that the barge used as a hospital should be completely under the management of the Hospital enterprise—in fact, that it should belong to the society. Contributions were solicited for its purchase; and with the advent of the summer of 1897 this had been accomplished. Upon its transfer to the control of the managers, the barge was refitted, according to plans and under the direction of Mr. W. H. Brainerd, architect, bath-rooms for hot and cold salt water baths were constructed, and very many valuable additions to the provision and arrangement of the wards and decks made. A room for surgical operations was fitted up, and wards A, B, C and D established. The feature of Memorial beds was introduced within this season, and before its close twenty-one beds had thus been set apart. Upon payment of \$100, any person may endow a bed upon this Hospital, and name it. Or, by the payment of the same amount, one may name any particular trip; and six of the trips of 1897 were thus named.

Return checks were given to patients requiring more than a day's treatment, and in the more serious cases, the patients were kept on board over night, with the mothers, with physicians and nurses in attendance.

Twenty-five trips were made, and the augmented service enabled the Hospital to care for 771 individual cases, the total number of treatments being 2,018, and more than 4,600 people received the benefits of the work. A system of house-to-house visitation was instituted and successfully carried out by the House Physicians, 586 calls being made. The number of deaths was six during the Hospital season.

The work had grown thus far in the order of natural development, and in 1898 it seemed advisable that its execution should be placed in the immediate charge of a medical superintendent, and Dr. F. W. Sawyer was appointed to the position, doing splendid service and still further developing the work. Ward B was made a closed ward, giving us two, and steam heat was introduced in both.

The thought in the mind of the founder of the Hospital was to take day patients only upon the boat, and in process of time to secure a Sea-side Hospital to which permanent patients might be taken. But,—

“The best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft agley.”

While the Sea-side Hospital was still a dream, the necessity was laid upon the Floating Hospital to take care over night of two sick babies, whose lives might thus be saved,—so the doctor telephoned. Already in the distribution of work for day patients, an especial sick ward had become necessary for extreme cases. This was made use of in caring for these two wee bits of humanity. Several similar cases had occurred during the summer of 1897; and when the season of 1898 opened, it was decided to appropriate this ward for permanent patients. Scarcely a fortnight had elapsed when this new class outgrew the accommodations of Ward “A,” and Ward “B” was at once added to this department, giving accommodations for twenty-four patients. The number of permanent patients continued to increase, and six more beds were placed on the lower deck as emergency beds.

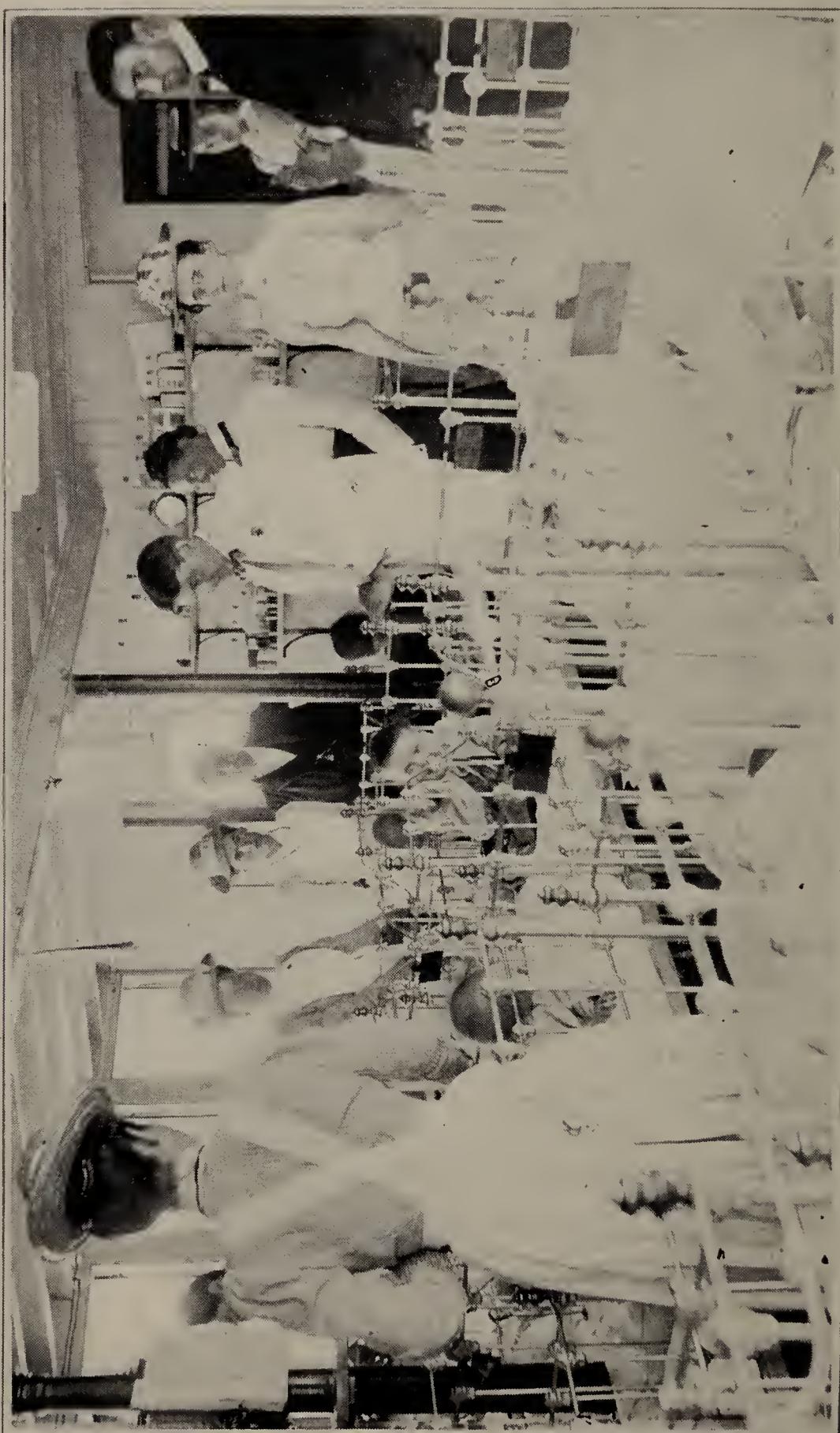
To meet the requirements of this permanent work a larger force of physicians and nurses was required, as well as other help, and also, a further reorganization of the work. Without going into detail, suffice it to say, that with this season, it became possible to enter a patient on the Hospital at any hour of the day or night except when the barge was out in the harbor on one of its trips. The results have far exceeded our expectations, and yet it must be remembered that, while the permanent patient work appeals more strongly than that for day patients to many people, our records show that the results from the latter work are by no means to be depreciated. Long before the work attained to its present state of efficiency, lives were undoubtedly saved by the service which the Floating Hospital rendered on one or several days. We have been able, without doing injustice to any that might be called our constituency, to make our work that of a Hospital, eliminating all excursion features.

The record of this year is 805 children, 1,785 treatments, and a total of 5,191 persons cared for. The mortality for this year, 39, would at first glance seem high, but in the admission of patients the rule was to accept the sickest cases in preference to those of a less serious nature, and the records show that about 17 per cent. of these were practically hopeless on entrance. Indeed, of this entire number, only three were children over nine months old.

With the introduction of the permanent patient system, came a problem which had not before presented itself for solution; this was, some method of overcoming the terrible effects of humidity, especially noticeable while the Hospital was at its night anchorage. The report for this year discusses the practicability of a wind-sail, which should collect the air and pass it through a condenser propelled by a fan, the air in the condenser being cooled by being brought into contact with pipes through which sea water was pumped. The matter, in all its detail, was taken under advisement by the medical staff, and the result of their deliberations forms a part of the present history.

The year 1899 was a remarkable, and in some respects a crucial year in the history of the work, by reason of the advance made in several directions. The wider scope of the work was evidenced in the necessity for an advisory medical staff, and physicianseminent in the branches of surgery, ophthalmology, pathology, otology and mental disease, consented willingly to give their service as members of the staff. This enabled the Hospital to accept as patients children suffering from other diseases than those peculiar to infant life, thus extending its usefulness, and indicating a growth in a direction not at first within the thought of its founder.

The larger work had already proved the inadvisability of centering the medical and administrative oversight of the Hospital in a single person, and so the superintendence was divided, Dr. C. D. Wilkins succeeding Dr. Sawyer as medical superintendent, and Mr. Henry G. Megathlin coming into the work under the title of general superintendent. Mr. Anderson, meanwhile, had been made assistant manager, his duties bringing him into close and intimate touch with our contributors on the one hand, and with the patients on the other.



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The managers and medical staff testify with pleasure to the spirit of sacrifice and service shown by the volunteer nurses. This service was gratefully accepted, but because it was gratuitous, was found to be one not to be depended upon; and so, gradually, the force of paid trained nurses employed for the season had been increased, from year to year, until in this season it was decided that the abolition of the volunteer service would add to the efficiency of the work. A new ward was established on the middle deck, and ward "B" was enlarged; smaller beds were provided, thus giving room for additional patients, and arrangements were made for boarding and lodging the nurses in a hotel near the Hospital station.

Next to the purchase of the barge, the most important event in the history of the Floating Hospital was the installation of what is now known as the Atmospheric Plant, (which, to quote one of our physicians, "brings October weather into dog-days"). No effort will be made to give a scientific description of it. For want of a better name, it has been dubbed, "The Atmospheric Plant." Three years ago, the good results accruing to the permanent patients in the day-time on the open water were largely neutralized by the humidity of the August nights. If the Floating Hospital was to do its best, some measures must be employed to overcome these baneful influences. The Visiting Staff, in their report for the season of 1899, on this point, say:

"During the season of 1898, which was very severe, one of the most distressing features of the work in our wards was the disastrous results of the hot and sultry days of August. On such days a whole ward of patients would grow markedly worse and in many cases a fatal issue could be directly referred to such changes in the weather. The work of that season made a profound impression on the minds of the medical staff. It was felt that something must be done, if possible, to counteract this evil influence.

"After much thought had been expended in the matter, it was decided feasible to install a plant for the purpose of so cooling and modifying the air of the permanent wards that our patients could



“JOSEPHINE” AND MR. ANDERSON.

be given an atmosphere of an even temperature and of a certain degree of moisture, irrespective of weather conditions outside. So far as this related to the care of the sick, it was distinctly a pioneer project, although its use in commercial enterprises dates back quite a number of years. The installation of this plant was a Herculean task from the mechanical point of view, as well as a most expensive one. In regard to the latter consideration, we felt that if Lowney & Co. could spend \$20,000 for a plant of similar character in order to cool their chocolates, we were justified in spending a fraction of that amount in the effort to save life. After many vexatious delays this plant has been installed, and has proved its capability of doing efficiently the work in hand. So far, it has not had a fair chance to demonstrate its worth. The month of August was remarkably cool; and as our machinery was in working order only during that month, it was not so urgently needed as we had reason to expect it would be. We confidently look forward to next season, however, feeling that our apparatus is efficient, and that lives will be saved by it."

Their confidence, as expressed in the last paragraph quoted in the foregoing, has been amply justified by the work of the Atmospheric Plant. Mr. S. F. Gardner, a recent graduate of the Institute of Technology, and a former student of Prof. S. Homer Woodbridge, who gave valuable assistance in the installation of the apparatus, presents a most interesting report in this connection. The attendants have been unanimous in praise of its efficiency. An interesting description of this plant, the pioneer of its class in hospital work, will be found in the report for 1900.

The food demonstration this year was under the direction of a specialist, and was of increased value as a result.

It is not intended by the management that the Floating Hospital shall give temporary relief alone; but it is also designed that it may be educational to those who have the care of helpless young lives, and that poor and ignorant mothers may gain wisdom and knowledge through their temporary connection with this institution. To this end, instructions are given to the mothers, as a trip progresses, in the process of sterilizing milk; and methods



A DEAL MORE LOVE FOR THE BAIRNS THAN FOR THE FULL GROWN MAN.

are employed to show them the best way of caring for their babies in their homes, printed cards of direction having the same object in view being also given. Here also sterilizers and bottles are sold to mothers at nominal prices which bring them within reach of even the poorest. The children who have been patients of the Floating Hospital are not lost sight of thereafter; but are, from time to time, visited by Mr. John R. Anderson, the efficient assistant manager of the Hospital.

Lectures to the corps of nurses, with examination on their duties, formed a part of the work of the medical staff in this year for the first time, and diplomas were granted to the graduates. This will doubtless be an established feature of the work of the Hospital.

One can readily see how comprehensive has now become the work. A mother brings her sick baby for the day, and, if necessary, the doctors advise that it be kept for several days as a permanent patient. It is not hard to persuade her to accede to their wishes. On the other hand, when permanent patients are convalescing, it is oftentimes the case that, through change from one ward to another, as the disease will permit, not a few become day patients before they are discharged. A sick baby can be received as a permanent patient at any hour of the night, or each time the boat is at the day wharf. Mothers of permanent patients are allowed to make a day's trip with their children whenever they so desire.

At the same time, the efficiency of the work has greatly increased, —as have the expenses. Trained nurses are on duty, night and day, and both the resident physician and his assistant remain on the Hospital continually throughout the season.

The managers feel that a new boat is imperatively needed, which should accommodate at least 100 permanent patients, and an equal number of day patients.

The Floating Hospital has met with a generous and kindly welcome from both rich and poor. Still, however, this institution has no endowment whatever, and is entirely dependent on voluntary contributions for its support. By the addition of its night



THIS PICTURE SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

service, the adoption of new and enlarged methods and provision, and the consequent augmentation of its staff, its expenses have, within recent years, been largely increased. It would be exceedingly pleasing to the management, and doubtless to the friends of the Hospital, could its permanency become assured through an adequate endowment. That the general public regards with great favor the working and results of this charity is sufficiently evident. That the disposition to contribute to its maintenance, sympathize with its objects, and become identified with its efforts, is constantly enlarging is equally apparent. To the multitude of friends who have already assisted in its support, the managers of the Hospital extend their warmest thanks. The event would indeed be hailed with gladness, if, in the near future, some individual or body would inaugurate the movement of permanently endowing this institution; and there is little doubt that, once thus begun, the good work would not be stayed until full success in this direction had been attained.

The featural work of Mr. John R. Anderson, assistant manager, in presenting the cause of the Floating Hospital from pulpit and platform in every section of Massachusetts, has proved almost singularly successful in promoting the interests of the institution, and in winning contributions for its support. While not in the least aggressive in his labors, Mr. Anderson never declines an invitation to visit any community or locality manifesting a desire to obtain information relative to the Hospital, its objects, methods, management and conditions; and that his addresses are not only educational in their presentation, but influential and persuasive in their delivery, has been abundantly demonstrated within the past year or two. By no other possible means could the constituencies reached by Mr. Anderson be so effectually enlightened and stirred to sympathy with regard to the Floating Hospital as is the invariable result of his efforts; and it is often the case that his services are called for, again and again, in sections where he has appeared in behalf of this cause.



PLENTY OF AIR AS WELL AS OF CARE.

Report of the Visiting Staff for the Season of 1900.

From a medical point of view, the past season may be regarded as by far the most successful one. The Hospital has been able to care for many more of the class of cases most in need of its help, namely, the severer types of the season's epidemic, as well as other cases of the severer types of disease, varied in character. Fifty-eight beds have been available for our permanent patients, and the wards have been well filled. The trial was made of an open air ward (six beds), which cases of tuberculous disease were given the benefit of, and with excellent results, the patients gaining markedly in flesh and strength. The cooled wards, representing 27 beds, have proved their value conclusively. The word "cooled" is not, however, quite applicable, it being necessary, not infrequently, to *warm* the air distributed to the wards. The attempt has been made to keep the air in these wards of a uniform temperature of 74 degrees F. and of a humidity of 50 degrees. In order to do this, it has been necessary to operate our machinery night and day, and to make very frequent observations with instruments of precision as to the condition of the air. At times the outside air, being satisfactory in character, is freely admitted by opening the windows, but most of the time some modification, by means of our apparatus, has been necessary. A detailed account of the plant used for this object will be found below.

Report of Mr. S. F. Gardner (in charge of Atmospheric Plant).

Among the many benefits obtained by the patients of the Boston Floating Hospital is that derived from the atmospheric plant which is used to modify the air supplied to the wards. This plant illustrates the first application of the principles of refrigeration to transforming of air quality for hospital patients.

The object of this plant is, taking the air in its varying conditions of temperature and percentage of moisture, to reduce its relative humidity to about 50, and to raise or lower its temperature to a desirable point, which is, in a hospital ward, about 74 degrees F. The results, showing the success of the plant, can never be enumerated, as there is no doubt that a great many of the patients owe their lives to the cool and dry air furnished them when the natural air condition was to them unbearable. A few figures recorded during the season will, however, give practical evidence of the conditions of the wards during some of the extremely hot or damp days. On August 8th, 1900, when the natural air conditions were, average temperature 69 degrees F. and average relative humidity 88, the wards were maintained at an average relative humidity of 56 and an average temperature of 75 degrees F. August 10th, natural air condition, average temperature 85 degrees; ward condition, average temperature 74 degrees F. August 14th, natural air condition, average temperature 63 degrees F., average relative humidity 77; ward condition, average temperature 74 degrees F., average relative humidity 50. August 15th, natural air condition, average temperature 70 degrees F., average relative humidity 72; ward conditions, average temperature 74 degrees F., average relative humidity 51. July 16th, natural air condition, average temperature 84 degrees F.; ward conditions, average temperature 76 degrees F. July 31st, natural air condition, average temperature 81 degrees F.; ward condition, average temperature 74 degrees F.

The air furnished the wards is drawn, by the suction of a fan, down a duct from above the upper deck into a receiver in the hold. In this receiver is placed two series of coils, one series being connected with the brine tank and through which circulates brine at a temperature of about 10 degrees F., and the other series being joined to an exhaust steam pipe, enabling steam to be used for heating when necessary. The air, when entering the receiver, passes over the brine coils and a large per cent. of its moisture is condensed on the coils. This action is analogous to that observed in winter of the moisture of the air of a warm room

condensing on a window pane cooled by the outside air. Then the air passes over the steam coils, is heated to any desirable temperature and thus forced by the fan through ducts into the wards. The quantity of air circulated is about 2000 cubic feet per minute, which gives an average of more than 50 cubic feet per person per minute, an amount satisfactory to the most critical, and which is obtained by very few ventilating systems.

The brine used in cooling and condensing the moisture of the air is cooled by the ammonia compression process which will be briefly described. Power for running the 8-ton compression refrigerating machine is furnished by a 35-horse power Corliss engine. This machine, which acts much like a pump, receives gaseous ammonia (NH_3), either from a tank when the machine is being charged, or from the cooling coil when the machine is in running condition, at a pressure of about 20 pounds per square inch and compresses it to a pressure of about 140 pounds per square inch, the heat generated by this compression being absorbed by the water in the water jacket surrounding the compression cylinder. This compressed gas then enters a large coil over which cool sea water is constantly flowing, and by the cooling effect thus received, the gas is changed into a liquid state. The liquid then passes on to a receiver from which it is allowed to escape by means of an expansion valve, that is, a valve which can be regulated so that a definite quantity may be allowed to pass it, into another large coil which is situated in a tank filled with brine. The pressure in this coil is regulated by the amount of ammonia allowed to pass the expansion valve, and is kept at about 20 pounds per square inch. The liquid ammonia, which is at a pressure of 140 pounds per square inch, is thus suddenly released to a pressure of 20 pounds per square inch, and by this action is changed into its gaseous form again. It is a very well known fact that if a moistened hand is placed in a current of warm air a sensation of coolness is felt, caused by heat being taken from the hand to facilitate the evaporation of the moisture on the hand. Just so, heat is taken from the brine surrounding the coil, in which the ammonia changes from a liquid to a gaseous state, reducing the



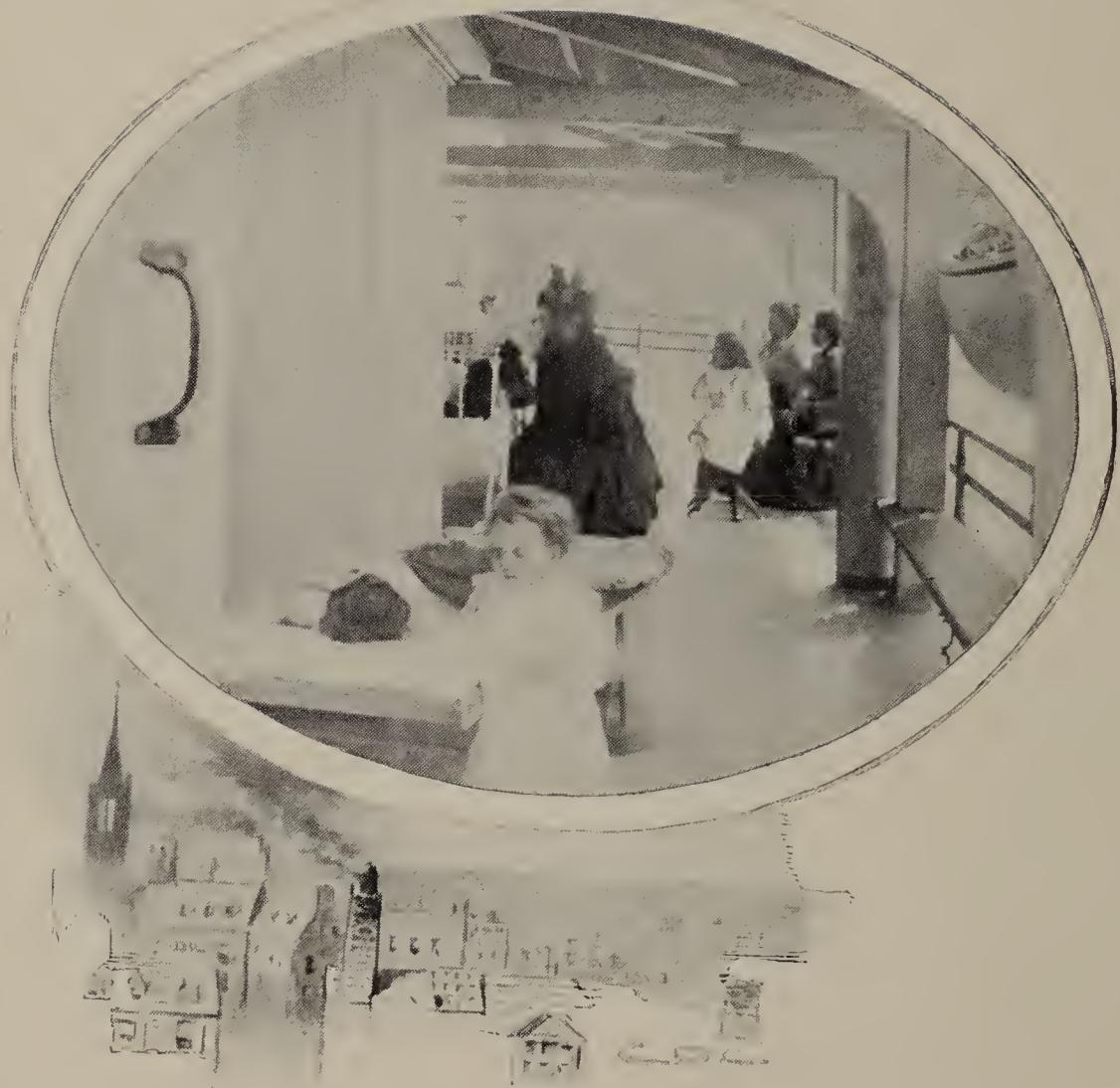
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brine temperature to about +10 degrees F. This gaseous ammonia, as before stated, is then drawn again into the machine and the cycle of operations is repeated.

We have also cared for many children who came with either the mother or some care-taker for the day, returning to their homes after the harbor trip. In suitable cases as many trips as are required can be made, return tickets being given out at the end of the trip. In this class of patients, those in charge of the babies are influenced as much as possible in matters of cleanliness, regularity of feeding and other matters of importance in the care of the children. A useful adjunct in this work has been the demonstrations to a few mothers at a time of the exact methods of preparing infant's food. The process is carried out in their presence. The Hospital is the originator of a *sterilizer*, so cheap that almost any mother can have one, the cost of the sterilizer and one dozen feeding bottles being only 65 cents. The mothers are taught how to use these, thus, to a considerable extent, avoiding the serious dangers due to impure milk. Mothers removing their children from the permanent ward to their homes are also similarly instructed. Inasmuch as the highest function of any charitable institution is to help people care for themselves, this element of the work may be regarded as a valuable one.

The department has been conducted by Mr. Stanley Tead, who required an assistant, under the superintendence of Mr. S. C. Keith, bacteriologist. It may be said that the work of this department is far from being a sinecure, necessitating the most careful attention to minute details, and being of supreme importance as affecting, to a great extent, the result of the hospital work.

Twenty different kinds of food are used. Milk of three different degrees of strength is prepared, and lime water, sterilized water, and cream is also similarly treated. Horlick's malted milk, barley water, oatmeal water, rice water, albumen water, Jacobi's mixture, peptonized milk, dextrinized barley water, and beef juice are among the foods prepared and distributed every two hours among the nurses, of which there are fifteen on duty during the day, and six at night.



ONE TOUCH OF NATURE MAKES THE WHOLE WORLD KIN.

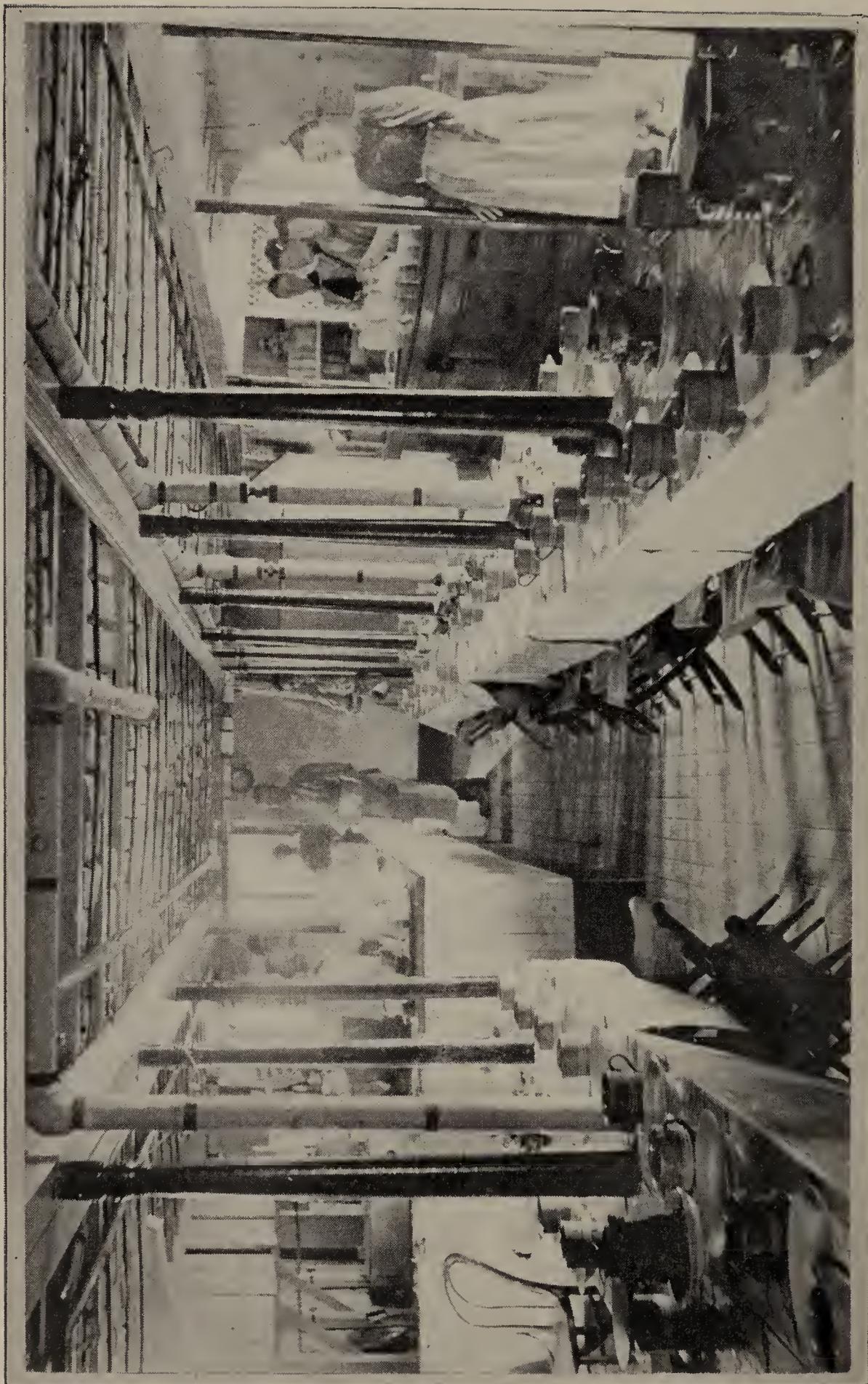
The infants are examined at the Boston wharf every morning by physicians, who make out cards which are given to the mothers, giving them directions as to what the babe should be fed with at home, and the methods to be employed in preparing the food. At 2 P. M. daily Mr. Tead gives demonstration, explaining the process of sterilization, and care is taken that even the dullest woman understands it thoroughly before she leaves the demonstration table. It is pathetic to see how eagerly they watch every move Mr. Tead makes, for to them it is a serious matter, and means the life or death of their little ones. If they do not quite understand any of the directions, they are allowed to ask questions freely, which are cheerfully answered. Six doctors are on board the barge almost continually, to whom the mothers may also apply for directions how to care for their sick infants.

The infants, often from 150 to 200 in number, are fed every two hours. In the preparation of the milk foods alone, forty quarts of milk and eight quarts of cream are used daily, all of which Mr. Tead tests before treating it, by either the pasteurizing or sterilizing process.

One of the chief problems which presented itself for solution by the medical staff was the method to be used in feeding so large a number of infants in so short a time. This problem was solved in the following manner:

The food is distributed to the children in its elementary characters. Each child receives a prescription for food made up of these elements in varying proportions, and each prescription is filled by the nurse at feeding time. The food is carried around in trays, each element in a separate receptacle, and the feeding bottle filled with the proportion of each called for in the prescription. It is thus possible to individualize to any extent desirable. The food leaves the laboratory at a certain high temperature in order that it shall reach the child at the proper heat for feeding, and to facilitate the distribution it is started at six different points in the Hospital simultaneously. This method has proved successful and has been followed ever since its inauguration.

THE REFECTIONY WAITING TO FILL VACANCIES



The Floating Hospital has one conspicuous advantage, that of accessibility. Parents of children being treated in its wards are allowed free access at all times, and have been assiduous in visiting the Hospital, as a rule, though occasionally a baby has been left on our hands. It is a very great comfort to a mother to feel that she can see her infant at any time, and this, undoubtedly, makes a great difference in the willingness of mothers to have their children treated in the hospital. On the other hand cases of parents interfering with the hospital care and discipline have been almost unknown, and there has, therefore, been no reason to regret our very liberal rules in this respect. Parents have frequently expressed their appreciation to the nurses and doctors for what has been done.

It is inevitable, but much to be regretted, that so many infants are brought to us in a practically moribund condition, when all that can be done is to make them as comfortable as possible. Many of these cases, if brought earlier, would recover.

A few surgical operations have been performed; some, the result of emergencies arising in the course of medical cases, and an occasional case sent in for that purpose. It is not thought, however, that one of the main objects of the Hospital should be surgical, as many other institutions are available for such cases. Not so, however, in the very large number of medical diseases which exist among the children of the poor, especially during the heated term.

During the past season the hospital has had to contend, for the first time in its history, with an epidemic. During August, measles broke out in two of the wards. No fault could be found in these cases with the physicians sending the patients, as no sign of the disease was present on the admission of the child. The cases were in the stage of incubation on entrance. Energetic measures were at once taken. Ward A was reserved for the infected cases, and the other wards were cleared and fumigated as soon as possible. Cases showing, after this, any sign of the disease were at once transferred to isolated beds until it could be determined positively whether or not the disease feared had shown itself. No

more contagious, and therefore no more difficult disease to handle, could have been encountered than measles. It is, therefore, a satisfaction to report that the epidemic may be said to have been controlled, and no death occurred which could be directly attributed to measles.

The visiting staff has remained the same as last year, but Dr. F. Coggeshall was obliged, on account of ill health, to give up a part of his service. The thanks of the staff are due Dr. A. W. Fairbanks, who very kindly assumed Dr. Coggeshall's duties for the remainder of the season. Aside from the daily visits of the visiting physicians, the medical work has been carried on as follows:

A resident physician and an assistant resident physician have been continually on duty, living on the boat. Five medical assistants have hardly been sufficient to carry out the details of the medical work. Miss L. A. Wilber has continued as superintendent of nurses, and has had under her 23 assistant nurses. All the nurses are provided with rooms at the Maverick House, East Boston, within a short distance of the boat, and the confusion incident to having them resident in different sections of the city thus avoided. They were boarded on the Hospital. The extension of the permanent work necessitated a little more organization in the nursing staff, two of the nurses being appointed head nurses, and another night matron.

The work of the training school was continued.

The following is a report of its work by the superintendent of nurses:

The managers of the Boston Floating Hospital offer to graduate nurses a summer course of instruction in the care of infants. The course consists of practical work in the wards, operating room and food department, under competent supervision, with lectures given by the medical staff. Nurses are required to hand in written reports of the lectures for correction. A written examination is held at the end of the season, and to those whose work is satisfactory, and who pass a satisfactory examination, a diploma is given. During the season of 1905 the lecturers were as follows:

Introductory Lecture, by Dr. Coggeshall.
Anatomy and Physiology, Dr. Fay.
Infant Feeding and Preparation of Modified Milk, Dr. Hastings.

Same subject, continued, Dr. Hastings.

Nursing of Gastro-Intestinal Diseases, Dr. Hastings.

Special Surgical Nursing, Dr. Cumston.

Nursing of Premature and Sickly Infants, Dr. Breck.

What to Observe in Children, Dr. Breck.

Same subject, continued, Dr. Breck.

Therapeutics (Drugs), Dr. Coggeshall.

Congenital Deformities, Dr. Cumston.

Congenital Syphilis, Dr. Cumston.

Nursing of Contagious Diseases, Dr. Fay.

The whole number of nurses employed was twenty-three. The following nurses attended the lectures and received the diploma of the school:

Miss Lucy MacBride,

Miss Nellie J. Hobbs,

Miss Harriet Alice Smith,

Miss Mary Jackson Durgin,

Miss Jean Forsythe James,

Miss Catherine Elizabeth Hughes.

Miss Jennie Foster Moore,

Miss Seraphine Schrider,

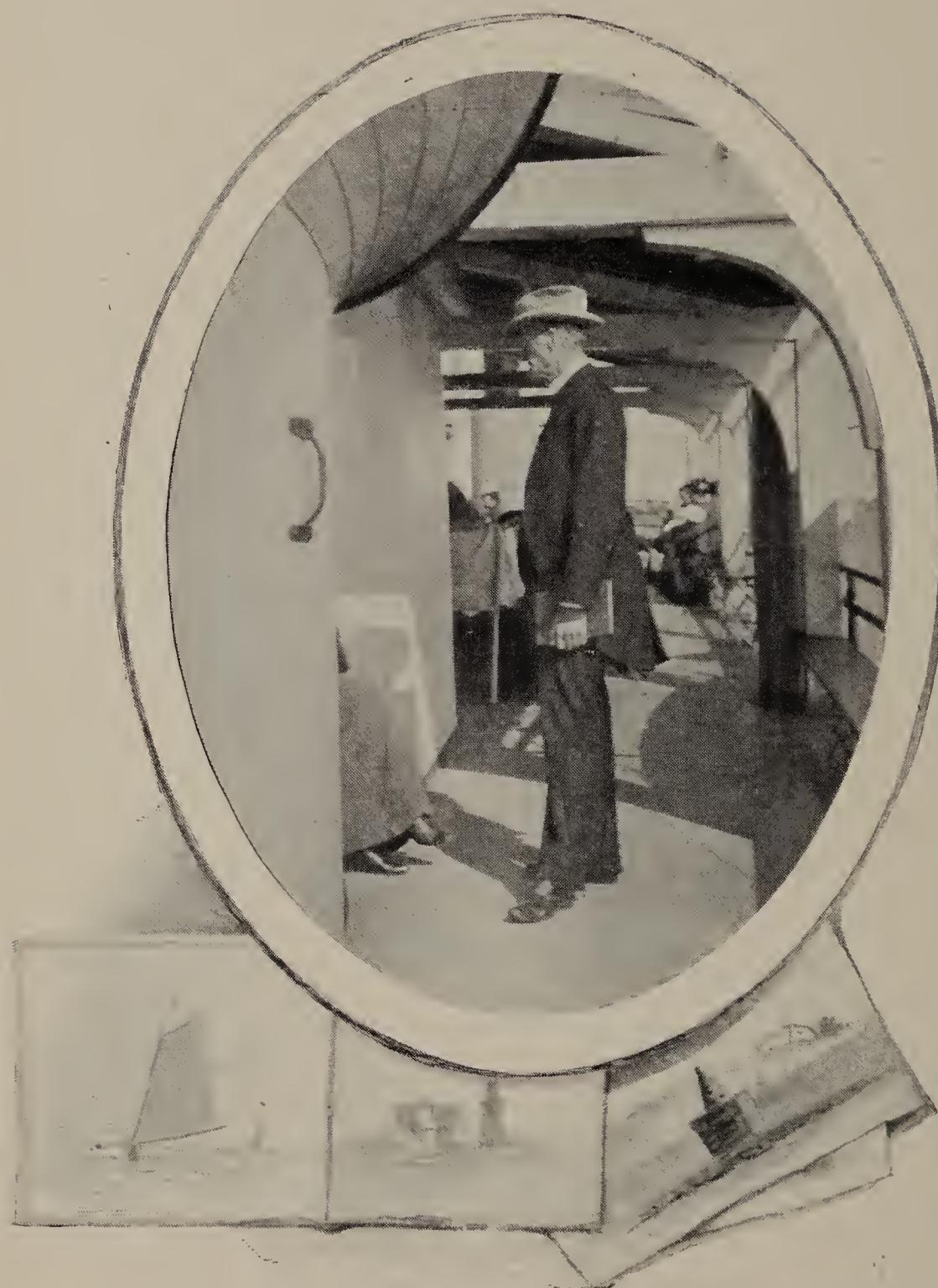
Miss Grace Vernon MacDougall,

Miss Dorothy Margaret MacVicar,

Miss Mary Hutton MacDonald,

Gratuitous service was given to special cases by Miss Elizabeth Stewart and Miss Anabel Moore.





DANIEL L. GRIGGS (DECEASED),
SUPT. BOSTON FLOATING HOSPITAL.

The following statistics have been prepared by the resident physician, Dr. W. W. McKibben:

I. DAY PATIENTS.

Total number of new cases	716
Number making more than one trip	979
Total number on all trips,	1695

DISEASES TREATED.

Enteritis,	355	Eczema,	10
Gastro-enteritis,	101	Bronchitis,	4
Ileo-colitis,	62	Pneumonia,	1
Gastritis,	34	Rachitis,	110
Fermental Diarrhœa,	27	Syphilis,	3
Intestinal Indigestion,	8	Anæmia,	2
Chronic Constipation,	4	Pernicious Anæmia,	1
Marasmus,	17	Mitral Regurgitation,	2
Stomatitis,	26	Adenoids,	1
Difficult Dentition,	20	Abscess of Cheek,	1
Intestinal Parasites,	2	Excursionists—(Discharged	
Pediculosis,	10	at end of trip),	29
Prolapse of Rectum,	3	Diphtheria*	1
General Debility,	7		
Convalescence,	24	Total,	865

*Sent to South Department of Boston City Hospital. No contagion.

RESULTS OF TREATMENT.

Discharged well	536
Discharged Improved	129
Discharged Not Improved	51
Died	0
Total	716

LOCALITIES FROM WHICH DAY PATIENTS CAME.

Boston,	384	Watertown,	3
Roxbury,	81	Medford,	2
South Boston,	73	Chelsea,	2
East Boston,	33	West Newton,	2
Charlestown,	27	Newton,	1
Somerville,	25	Brighton,	1
Cambridgeport,	18	Clifftondale,	1
Cambridge,	16	Arlington,	1
East Cambridge,	13	Auburndale,	1
Malden,	10	Roslindale,	1
Brookline,	9	Lexington,	1
Everett,	7		
Hyde Park,	4	Total,	716

NUMBER OF TRIPS MADE BY DAY PATIENTS.

Number of children making 1 trip	.	.	.	.	365
" " " 2 trips	.	.	.	.	165
" " " 3 "	.	.	.	.	81
" " " 4 "	.	.	.	.	26
" " " 5 "	14
" " " 6 "	16
" " " 7 "	6
" " " 8 "	19
" " " 9 "	5
" " " 10-25 "	19
Total,	716

II. PERMANENT PATIENTS.

Total number	219
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DISEASES TREATED.

Gastro-enteritis,	95	Broncho-pneumonia,	11
Enteritis,	11	Lobar Pneumonia,	3
Gastritis,	6	Asthenic Pneumonia,	2
Ileo-colitis,	51	Bronchitis,	12
Fermental Diarrhoea,	12	Pleurisy with Effusion,	1

Chronic Pleurisy,	1	Scurvy,	2
Tubercular Pleurisy,	1	Atalectasis,	1
Phthisis,	15	Purpura Hemorrhagica,	1
Pott's Disease,	3	Emphysema,	1
Tubercular Peritonitis,	1	Cholera Infantum,	1
Tubercular Adenitis,	1	Acute Encephalitis,	1
Tubercular Ostitis,	1	Purulent Rhinitis,	10
Tubercular Otitis Media,	1	Starvation,	1
Amyloid Liver,	1	Hypertrophied Tonsils,	2
Amyloid Kidney,	1	Diphtheria,	1
Tuberculosis of Spleen,	1	Mitral Regurgitation,	2
Suppurative Otitis Media,	5	Pericarditis with Effusion,	1
Tubercular Meningitis,	4	Catarrhal Conjunctivitis,	2
Thrush,	17	Blepharitis,	1
Catarrhal Stomatitis,	19	Keratitis,	3
Herpetic Stomatitis,	2	Specific Ophthalmia,	1
Rachitis,	62	Specific Vaginitis,	1
Congenital Syphilis,	7	Eczema,	10
Debility,	1	Tinea Tonsurans,	2
Pernicious Anæmia,	1	Erysipelas,	1
Simple Anæmia,	1	Cellulitis,	1
Sunstroke,	2	Multiple Furunculosis,	5
Hemiplegia,	1	Abscess—Neck,	1
Prolapse of Rectum,	5	Abscess—Ischio-rectal,	1
Bow-legs (osteotomy),	1	Urticaria,	5
Post Meningeal Neurosis,	1	Seborrhœa of Scalp,	20
Difficult Dentition,	5	Miliaria,	10
Phimosis,	4	Pediculosis of Body,	1
Parenchymatous Nephritis,	1	Pediculosis of Scalp,	6
Infantile Atrophy,	17	Intertrigo,	1
Acute Miliary Tuberculosis,	1	Dermatitis Exfoliativa,	1
Rheumatism,	1	Measles,	12
Obstetrical Paralysis,	1	Chicken Pox,	1
Inguinal Hernia,	2	Herpes Labialis,	2
Umbilical Hernia,	6	Herpes-preputial,	1
Strangulated Hernia,	1		

BY REPORT OF PATHOLOGIST.

Fatty degeneration of heart	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
" " " liver	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
" " " kidney	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Septicæmia	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Acute diphtheritic enteritis	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Acute follicular colitis	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Cloudy swelling of liver	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
" " kidneys	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Fatty degeneration of intima of aortic curtain of mitral valve	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Meckel's diverticulum	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Hyperplasia of lymphoid tissue of intestine	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Total number of diseases							536
Re-entered permanent wards	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Average length of stay in hospital for permanent cases, 12.29 days.							

LOCALITIES FROM WHICH PERMANENT PATIENTS CAME.

Boston,	106	Brookline,	5
Roxbury,	21	Malden,	3
Charlestown,	9	Hyde Park,	1
Chelsea,	1	Surfside,	1
Allston,	1	Newton Highlands,	1
Jamaica Plain,	4	Wollaston,	1
Dorchester,	5	South Boston,	12
Cambridgeport,	5	East Boston,	14
West Newton,	1	Boston Highlands,	1
Cambridge,	14	Everett,	1
Milton,	1	Woburn,	3
Somerville,	7		
Mattapan,	1	Total,	219

RESULTS OF TREATMENT.

Discharged well	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	30
Discharged improved,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	79
Discharged not improved	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Discharged against advice	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23
Discharged to City Hospital (measles)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Died	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	64
Total								219

Patients moribund on entrance,	54
General mortality	29.22 per cent.
Mortality exclusive of moribund cases	6.02 per cent.
Permanent patients under 2 years	183
Permanent patients over 2 years	36
 Total	 219

GENERAL SUMMARY OF WORK.

Total number of day patients on all trips	1695
" " permanent " " "	2693
" " well children " " "	624
" " mothers " " "	1946
 GRAND TOTAL	 6958
Visitors	734

The increased and very general interest in our hospital has been more than ever displayed during the past season. This interest has correspondingly stimulated the desire of the board of managers to deserve the support of friends. This, we feel, is best done by improving the *quality* of the work as well as enlarging the amount. It is the ambition of the staff to bring the Hospital fully up to the level of scientific work required by the ideal modern Hospital.

To do this, our first need is of more room—larger and therefore less crowded wards—rooms and facilities for laboratory work (a most important feature), treatment rooms, an operating room, quarters suitable for resident physicians and nurses, etc., etc.

It is needless to say to any one who has visited our present boat, that the limit in all the particulars mentioned has been reached. Every nook and corner of the boat has been utilized, including the engineer's very uncomfortable quarters in the hold.

We appeal then to those who, as ourselves, believe in the work; its great need, its large possibilities, its most promising outlook, for the means of furnishing ourselves with a new and ampler boat in which we may have the best facilities, the latest scientific methods, and all appliances which may tend to save the lives or diminish the sufferings of the little unfortunates for whom the Hospital was established.

SAMUEL BRECK, M. D.,
Chairman Visiting Staff.



KINDERGARTEN.

MEMORIAL BEDS.

TO JAN. 1, 1900.

In Memory of May Rosevear White. Mrs. J. C. White.
Stanley V. Travis Bed. Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Travis.
George Stanley Mansfield Bed. Mr. George S. Mansfield.
Goodrest Bed. Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer.
In Memory of a Little Boy. Anonymous.
In His Name. Miss Annie Louise Richards.
In Memory of Edward Allen Richards. Mrs. C. A. Richards.
In Memory of our Mother. Mrs. Louise K. Wilson and Miss Sarah S. Kimball.
Eliot Church, Newton, Bed. Eliot Church, Newton.
Nidulus Avis. Miss Susan C. Damon.
In Memoriam Edith Mabel Constance. Miss Leadbetter.
Benevolent Helpers' Bed. Benevolent Helpers, Harvard Church, Brookline.
In Memory of Jessie. Mrs. John F. Winch.
Lend a Hand Bed. Phi Alpha Lend a Hand Club, Allston.
In Memory of Samuel Longfellow. Miss Alice M. Longfellow.
Charles Faulkner Bed. Mrs. Eliot Hubbard.
In Memory of Catherine Earle. Mrs. J. F. Dorsey.
In Memory of Eliot B. Mayo. By his children.
In Memory of A. W. Spencer. Mrs. Josephine V. Spencer.
Sunshine Bed. Sunshine Club, Medford.
Rufus B. Tobey Bed. Mrs. W. G. Benedict.
In Memoriam Whitney Davis. Miss Kate Whitney.
In Memory of a Young Mother. Anonymous.
In Memory of Winthrop Sturgis. Mrs. R. S. Sturgis.
Lend a Hand Club 1874 Bed. Lend a Hand Club 1874.
Inasmuch Bed. Inasmuch Lend a Hand Club, Charlestown.
First Parish S. S., Brookline, Bed.
Eliot Church, Newton, Bed No. 2. Eliot Church, Newton.

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In Memory of Leland Hoyt Powers. Mr. and Mrs. Leland T. Powers.

What She Could Bed. What She Could K. D., Dedham.

Elizabeth P. Whitney Bed. Elizabeth P. Whitney K. D., Brighton.

In Memoriam Harriet N. Brooks. Miss Sarah Brooks, Harwich.

John Simpkins Bed. Miss Mabel Simpkins.

In Memory of Margaret Morton Nickerson. Mrs. Kate Morton Nickerson.

Middlesex County K. D. Bed.

Norfolk County K. D. Bed.

In Memoriam Rowena Leavitt.

Leyden Congregational S. S., Brookline, Bed.

Edward Everett Hale Bed. Lexington Lend a Hand Club.

Allston-Brighton Memorial Bed. Allston-Brighton Fresh Air Mission.

Little Workers' Bed. Little Workers, Newton Centre.

Plymouth County K. D. Bed.

In Memory of Agnes Chase Ober. Mrs. Ursula Ober-Squires and pupils.

Suffolk County K. D. Bed.

Bridgewater C. E. Union Bed. Bridgewater C. E. Union.

Dominion Line S. S. Co. Bed, "New England." Proceeds of Entertainment.

Toronto Bed. Mrs. Francis Patriarche.

In Memory of Dexter C. Richards. Mrs. Dexter N. Richards.

Emmanuel Church Guild Bed. Emmanuel Church Guild, Boston

Eleanor Grew Bed. Mrs. Annie C. Grew.

In Memory of Lydia Worthington Dutton. Miss Mary M. Dutton.

In Memory of Nellie M. Clarke. Mrs. Maria Carter.

All Saints, Brookline, Bed. All Saints Woman's Guild, Brookline.

Eliot Church, Newton, Bed No 4. Eliot Church, Newton.

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Dominion Line S. S. Co. Bed, "Canada." Proceeds of Entertainment.

Mt. Vernon Bed. Mt. Vernon S. S., Boston.

Anna Rockwell Smith Bed. Misses Helen Smith and Grace Nichols.

Charles Linder Pope Bed. Mrs. Abby L. Pope.

Paul Sussman Bed. Miss Florence Wood.

John W. Leighton Bed. Mrs. A. T. Leighton.

James McAuley Bed. Captain James McAuley.

1900.

King's Daughters, Bristol County. Bristol County Union.

St. Paul's Church in Brookline. St. Paul's Church.

James DeNormandie Bed. Anonymous.

Malden Bed. Various Organizations.

In Memory of Dr. Elisha M. White. Mrs. E. M. White.

Alonzo H. Quint Bed. Y. P. S. C. E., Allston Congregational Church.

In Memory of a Little Boy and His Mother. Anonymous.

In Memory of Alice.

In Memory of Ernest Thompson Kingman.

Central Congregational Sunday School, Lynn, Bed.

Quincy Mansion School Bed. Pupils of Quincy Mansion School, Wollaston.

King's Daughters of Lend a Hand Club, Waban (Fair).

Children of West Newton Bed. Fair by Children of West Newton.

In Memory of Helen Gay Hastings. Mr. Albert Gay.

Little Helpers, Whiting Park, Watertown, Bed.

Agnes Hoppin Grew Bed. Mrs. Edward S. Grew.

Lucy Sumner Rogers Bed. Miss Catherine L. Rogers.

In Memory of Baby James. Mrs. Fannie W. Rousmaniere.

Pemberton Bed. Guests of Hotel Pemberton.

Masconomo's Children of 1900. Children of Masconomo, Manchester.

Kenberma Bed. Guests and Summer Residents at Kenberma, Hull.

King's Daughters, Rollstone Church, Fitchburg, Bed.

Dominion Line, S. S. "Commonwealth." Passengers on first trip of the S. S. "Commonwealth."

NAMED DAYS.

July 9. Henry W. Lawton Day. B. C. Clark.
11. Eliot Church, Newton, Day. Eliot Church, Newton.
12. Bessie Burrage Day. Mrs. A. C. Burrage.
16. Betty's and Billy's Day. Miss Elizabeth G. Houghton.
17. Eliot Church, Newton, Day. Eliot Church, Newton.
18. Athena Club Day. Athena Club, Dorchester.
19. William H. Lyon Day. Ladies of First Parish, Brookline
20. Boston Post Day. The Boston Post.
25. President McKinley Day. Mrs. George H. Pendergast.

Aug. 1. Three Little Sisters Day. Ruth, Katharine and Margaret
Farrar.
7. Dana Hill Day. Madams Brooks, Green, Richardson and
Miller, patronesses.
8. "A Little Child Shall Lead Them." Miss Annie L. Richards.
17. "Suffer Little Children to Come Unto Me." Mrs. A. R.
Richards.
20. Charles Faulkner Day. Miss Fannie M. Faulkner.
21. Lincoln House, Swampscott, Day. Guests of Lincoln House,
and proceeds of original play by Miss Marion Wardwell.
23. "Peggy" Pope Hinckley Day. Mrs. A. A. Pope.
23. Lend a Hand Day. Lend a Hand Friend.
25. Middleboro Day. Anonymous.
27. Pemberton Day. Guests of Hotel Pemberton.
28. Edward P. Sargent Memorial Day. Mrs. H. E. Sargent.
29. Little Workers', Newton Center, Day. Little Workers, New-
ton Center.
30. Lucretia P. Hale Day. Fair by Miss Eleanor Whidden and
friends.
31. Cohasset Ladies' Day. Summer Residents at Cohasset.

Sept. 1. Catharine R. Hall Day. Mrs. Wm. Jay Fegan.
2. Rufus B. Tobey and John R. Anderson Day. Mrs. A. A. Pope.
3. Mrs. Edwin U. and Nelson Curtis Day. The Messrs. Curtis.
4. Weston Day. Anonymous.
5. Little Harbour, Portsmouth, Day. Ladies of Little Harbour,
N. H.
6. C. F. F. Day. Mrs. Charles Faulkner.
7. Gloucester Day. Entertainment at the Moorland Hotel,
Gloucester.
1901. Kenberma Day. Musicale by Kenberma Summer Residents,
Mrs. F. L. Milliken, patroness.

Our Merchant Friends.

The managers tender their hearty thanks to the following named firms for gifts during the season of 1900, as indicated:

Atlantic Works, East Boston,	Labor and material.
Boston Ice Co.,	Ice.
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Chase & Sanborn,	Coffee.
Cobb, Bates & Yerxa Co.,	Coffee.
Eagle Oil and Supply Co.	Polishing and lubricating oils.
J. L. Mott Iron Works,	Swinging bowl and fixtures.
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Book and Basket Club, Newton	Clothing.
Breck, Mrs. Caroline J.	Flannelette.
Brewer, Mrs. Daniel J.	Knit jackets.
Bridgman, Mrs. J. C.	Wraps.
Brighton-Allston Fresh Air Mission	Sheets.
Brooks, Miss M. H.	Clothing.
Burrage, Mrs. J. K.	Clothing.
Burrage, Miss Marion	Clothing.
Bush, Mrs. A. P.	Clothing.
Caldwell, Mrs. S. A.	Cotton.
Chamberlain, Mrs. E. L.	Clothing.
Christian Workers, K. D., Tilton, N. H.	Clothing and crib puffs.
Class of Boys	Picture books.
Colgate & Co., New York	Talc. powder.
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Dix, Mrs. E. F.	Woolen gaiters.
Domican, Mrs. Janet P.	Clothing.
Emmanuel Church Guild	Clothing.
Faxon, Mrs. O. J.	Clothing and cotton.
Forget Not K. D., Littleton.	Clothing and towels.
Fountain, Miss Eleanor	Toys.

Gœpper, Mrs. William	Cotton and linen.
Gibson, Mrs. Charles E.	Clothing.
Gleaners, K. D., Hyannis	Books.
Glidden, Miss Etta M.	Books, etc.
Golden Rule, K. D., East Weymouth	Cotton.
Green, Miss Helen	Toys.
Hinckley, Louis A.	Cotton.
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Printing,							394.02
Miscellaneous,							963.37
Petty Cash,							25.00
New Hospital Fund,							1,000.00
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1901,							300.28
							\$21,178.05

CHARLES G. FARWELL, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, Jan. 10, 1901.

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